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Siege police fear IRA may try to force gang's release

ce officers besieging the flat in central don where four gunmen have been holding ouple hostage since Saturday feared last it that the IRA might seize other hostages in an attempt to force the release of the trapped terrorists. An attempt to provide soup against the release of one of the hostages was rejected by the men.

Terrorists discuss letting woman hostage go

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ice officers surrounding council flat in Balcombe t, St Marylebone, London, e four gunmen have been ng Mr John Henry hews, aged 54, and his wife a, aged 53, hostage since day night, feared last t that the IRA may make "counter-strike" to gthen their bargaining r and secure the rists' release.

e gunmen, one of them ively identified as being man the police know as ael Wilson, who is wanted onnexion with the recent ler of Mr Ross McWhirter, had their demands for a t to Ireland rejected by obert Mark, Commissioner e Metropolitan Police.

r on the advice of Dr Peter , a Home Office consultant iatrist, the police held out of a deal with the gang rday.

r the first time since a t telephone link was ged with the flat one of unmen made contact with emen across the street and l for food.

Ve told them that we would ly them with soup if they dered freeing Mrs Mat- s", Deputy Assistant Com- oner Peter Walton said night. "But this offer was ted and we are now just ing for another move [the tiations resumed later]. We aware of the possibility of unter-strike by the IRA and are prepared for this."

e police believe that the may try to seize hostages England or the Irish Re- ic, and hold them to om for the release of the men. Accordingly Scotland l has intensified its security ures in London.

en if the gunmen decided low Mrs Matthews to go in exchange for food, the e are not sure she would repared to leave the first- flat without her husband.

e has complained of having adache after some dental nent, but has given no ation on the telephone that s suffering badly because r imprisonment.

nditions in the couple's living room, where they eing held by the four men, nown to be unpleasant, and and a chemical lava- have been lowered to it the floor above.

e police have the run of est of the flat, isolating the ges and their captors from itchen, the two bedrooms, he bathroom.

uty Assistant Commis- Wilford Gibson said the of soup was an act of l faith on our part". After unmen had refused it, it ept hot in a police canteen le near the scene of the in case they changed their .

er, negotiations began over Mrs Matthews's re- Mr Gibson, who is in e of the uniformed side of the police operation, said negotiations stopped early in the afternoon and for some time the police had had difficulty in getting in touch with the gang again.

Sir Robert Mark, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, talking yesterday to policemen on duty at the scene of the London siege.

At one stage the police had been negotiating with a man who had had to refer questions to the leader of the group. The police felt that the blunt refusal earlier might change as the terrorists reflected on the offer.

The state of mind of the four men barricaded in the flat is puzzling the police. Throughout Saturday night and Sunday only one man, who had an Irish accent, would speak to them. Yesterday two others answered the infrequent calls but the fourth would not come to the telephone.

The fourth many may be Michael Wilson, whose voice was heard by Mrs Rosemary McWhirter in the drive of her home in Village Road, Enfield, north London just before her husband was shot dead.

Mr Gibson said that during the conversations the gunmen were "sometimes quite friendly and sometimes extremely rude, to say the least".

The police, conscious that the IRA might try to cause a diversion, inspected all vehicles entering the area around Balcombe Street and the adjoining Dorset Square.

Office workers employed inside the cordon were given passes and could not enter or leave their business premises without being checked by the police.

Sir Robert Mark appealed to the public last night for help in establishing the identities and bases of the terrorists.

Speaking at the police headquarters near the siege, he said:

A photograph, taken at a dance, of Mr and Mrs Matthews, the London hostages.

"We should be very grateful to find the accommodation in which these people lived somewhere in the Greater London area. The four could have lived together or in separate rooms, flats or 'pads'. They may have been transients."

Someone might realize that a room or flat usually occupied by a young Irishman had been empty since Saturday night. People should telephone the bomb squad at New Scotland Yard.

Medical and psychiatric advice was constantly available to the police, the commissioner added, and he emphasized the humanitarian aspects of the operation.

Asked if he had a message for people in the Irish Republic and the Irish community in Britain, he said: "This kind of case can get a dramatic representation of the forces of law and order and the people concerned. The tradition of the police in this country has

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Slowdown in pace of inflation continues

By Tim Congdon

Clear signs of a continuing slowdown in the rate of inflation appeared yesterday with the latest wholesale price indices. They show that the price index for manufactured products rose by ¾ per cent in November and in the past three months has risen by 2½ per cent.

The increase in the past three months is equivalent to 11 per cent at an annual rate. This compares with a rise in wholesale prices in 1974 of more than 28 per cent. Over 1975 as a whole the increase now seems likely to be under 20 per cent.

The latest index, which is published by the Department of Industry, is provisional, but it is unusual for large revisions requiring a change in interpretation. The department notes that the ¾ per cent rise in November was the smallest since the second quarter of 1973.

The wholesale price index is not completely reliable as an advance indicator of retail price movements because the retail price index is heavily influenced by changes in the prices of services and these are not included in the wholesale price index.

However, it remains true that the recent behaviour of the wholesale index is fully consistent with the Government's target to bring inflation down to single figures by the end of 1976.

The decline in inflation in recent months may be somewhat exceptional because it has coincided with a massive destocking process in industry. Companies' attempts to run down stocks have certainly intensified competitive pressures and made it more difficult to raise prices.

However, if a recession persists, and most forecasters are expecting only a modest recovery next year, it seems unlikely that inflation will again start to rise to the levels of 1974. Most observers also assume that the Government's income policy will begin to have a noticeable restraining effect.

But further increases in the prices of raw materials and fuel may be a problem. Last month they increased by 1½ per cent and in the past three months they have increased by almost 6 per cent.

Although raw material costs are a much smaller proportion of total costs than wage costs a sharp rise of this kind could aggravate the difficulties of holding down prices without severe erosion of profit margins.

The increased cost of milk was a big element in last month's rises in both the output and raw materials indices. The Department of Industry says that little of the increase in the raw materials index was due to changes in the value of the pound against other currencies.

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Art theft clues after gun battle

Marktoberdorf, Dec 8.—Two arrests after a gun battle on the West German-Austrian border have put West German police on the tracks of an international gang of art thieves.

Police detained a 39-year-old woman and a man aged 42 who opened fire at a border guard from a car on the Bavarian side of the border.

Work harder or state aid ends, Lord Ryder to warn Leyland today

Lord Ryder, chairman of the National Enterprise Board, will meet British Leyland management and worker representatives today in an attempt to resolve the company's labour relations problems.

He will tell a 650-strong gathering in Birmingham that the Government is prepared to carry out its threat to stop putting public money into Leyland unless productivity improves greatly.

The urgency of today's talks is underlined by the revelation that sales are now so poor that they are not sufficient to cover the weekly payroll.

In its first six months, losses through unofficial strikes were as bad as in any six-month period since the old British Leyland company was formed seven years ago.

More than 4,000 cars with a showroom value of £90m were lost, and about 25,000 cars cannot be released to dealers because they are being held at the factory by poor rectification performance and parts shortages.

As a result dealers are extremely short of stocks and, reliable sources suggest that the company needs 35,000 cars to bring its stocks up to normal levels for this time of the year.

Starved of sales, Leyland's share of the home market has collapsed from a record 40 per cent in September to an average 24 per cent for October and November.

This has caused a cash flow crisis which is being overcome only by heavy drawings from the £200m already injected by the Government.

Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director of Leyland Cars, will be accompanied by Mr Bill Davis, manufacturing director; Mr Colin Daniel, finance director; Mr Geoffrey Whalen, personnel and industrial relations director; Mr Keith Hopkins sales and marketing director, and about 90 line chiefs and plant managers at the meeting.

Full production was resumed at British Leyland's Austin-Morris plants at Cowley, Oxford, and Longbridge, Birmingham, yesterday. More than 7,000 workers had been recalled from layoff after a shutdown last week which resulted in lost output of more than £5m worth of vehicles because of a strike by seven men.

The dispute was over a claim for regrading by internal truck drivers at the Leyland-owned components factory of Oxford Radiators. The men called off their stoppage just before the weekend after the management conceded their claim to be moved into a higher wage grade, which gives them an extra £1 a week. By that time component shortages had stopped output of all Allegro, Mini, Princess, Marina and Maxi cars and reduced production of MG cars.

At the Cowley complex, which employs about 16,000 workers, talks are continuing between management representatives and union officials under the guidance of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service. They aim to resolve some long-standing problems, including the negotiation of a new wage grade structure.

The talks follow a warning from Mr Desmond North, the plant director at Cowley, that unless disruption ends and output levels are significantly improved, some operations will be shut down.

Engineers vote to toe the line on £6 limit

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The biggest political obstacle to the success of the TUC-Government incomes policy was removed yesterday when engineering workers' leaders voted to accept wage restraint. The outcome of the pay debate was being interpreted last night as a strong pointer to a respite from Mr Hugh Scanlon's political wrath for many months to come.

Downing Street and the TUC breathed easier at the size of the moderate majority at yesterday's conference in London of the national committee of the engineering section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. Delegates voted by 32 votes to 20 to back the £6 limit after moderate shop stewards had called for loyalty to Labour. By a similar margin they voted down a left-wing motion rejecting the social contract.

After that unexpectedly heavy rejection of the policies for which he fought for many years Mr Scanlon, left-wing president of the AUEW, said: "No doubt there is a change in the atmosphere and mood of our members, reflected in this policy decision. It must be a source of satisfaction to the Government and the TUC to know that the second largest union is now in support of their policy."

The engineering workers, with their 1,400,000 votes, were the chief rallying point for militant opposition to wage restraint at the September Trades Union Congress in Blackpool, although support for their stand has since evaporated rapidly.

Leaders of the AUEW engineering section will press yesterday's policy formula at a meeting of the executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, which meets in York tomorrow. Most other unions in the confederation support the TUC line.

The unexpectedly large majority for moderate pay policies emerged after a change of votes from areas traditionally associated with the left. Conceding that some delegates had changed their minds, Mr Scanlon said that many of those voting for the moderate view did so "in the sincere belief that it would be beneficial to the Labour Government". Asked if that meant that they were prepared to accept a cut in living standards, he answered: "Yes."

QC says he was not ordered to make 'threat'

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent

Mr Roger Parker, QC, counsel for the Home Office in last week's television licence case, yesterday apologized to the Court of Appeal for remarks he made during the appeal hearing. They were not intended as a threat to the court, he said.

He was making a statement on comments made by Lord Denning, the Master of the Rolls, in his judgment last week, and on the contents of a leading article in *The Times* last Saturday.

Lord Denning had said: "In the course of his submissions Mr Parker, QC, said at one point—and I made a note of it at the time—that if the court interferes in this case it would not be long before the powers of the court would be called in question. We trust this was not said seriously, but only as a piece of advocates' licence."

Mr Parker told the court yesterday that he would have dealt with the matter immediately after the judgment had he had the slightest suspicion that it would lead to a leading article in *The Times* suggesting that the Home Secretary, or anyone in his department, had instructed him to threaten the court.

"May I first make plain beyond any doubt that neither the Home Secretary nor anyone in his department, nor indeed anyone at all, instructed me or suggested to me that I should threaten this court in any way, or indicated to me, directly or indirectly, that if you were to find against the Home Office the powers of the court might be curtailed.

"My observation, to which your Lordship referred in the judgment, was an observation I made on my own initiative without prior consultation with, or suggestion from, anyone else", Mr Parker said. "I intended, as I need hardly say, to make no threat. If anything I said sounded like a threat I regret it and apologize."

Lord Denning replied: "We have no doubt on what was said and that my note was accurate. We are very glad to have your explanation and apology."

The Home Office had no comment to make on Mr Parker's statement. Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, said yesterday in answer to a question in Parliament that he would make a full statement today on the consequences of the Court of Appeal's decision on the television licence fee.

He is expected to announce whether the Home Office intends to take the case farther

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Mr Justice Megarry

Remarks attributed to Mr Justice Megarry in a Press Association report (*The Times*, December 6) at the end of a legal action by a group of people from Ocean Island, in the Pacific, were incorrect in quoting him as saying he had enjoyed his visit to the island. Mr Justice Megarry wishes it to be known that "I did not add anything about my visit to the island and if I had added anything it would have been to say the exact opposite of what was reported".

A second, related, action is to begin next Monday.

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keenly awaited transport review due to be pub- by the Government in w year is likely to analyse l transport policy and not out the railways for l treatment.

t became apparent yes- when the Department of Environment said there no plans to make big ions in the railway net- The interpretation put on y officials of the British ys Board is that while ilways might suffer some hey will at least be part n integrated transport .

unions have not asked pecial treatment for the ys but they want to play part in coordinating the l transport system.

Richard Marsh, chairman itish Rail, will meet Mr t, Minister for Transport, Tuesday, and the policy is certain to be dis- . The railway unions have that day for a mass g in Central Hall, West- r, to demand a substan- ture role for the railways. be followed by a lobby of

ication of the transport , which is likely to take m of a Green Paper, was ed for early in the new y Mr Gilbert, but it looks as though it will be d. The unions say they ave not been properly ted.

Buckton, general secre- f the Associated Society comotive Engineers and en said yesterday: "I this paper is not being the civil servants. If it wn to us for our com- that will not be the sort sultation we want."

extent of any reductions way services will depend level of government sup- This year British Rail eed almost £500m

Waterfront hotel in Beirut falls to Muslim onslaught

From Paul Martin
Beirut, Dec 8

An assault force of Muslim militiamen swept down on Christian forces entrenched in the luxury hotel area of Beirut today, overrunning the St George waterfront hotel and extending their from deeper into the Jewish quarter.

The new rush for territory by the Muslim forces is aimed at dislodging the Christian militia from a strategic part of the capital's seaside district.

As the country entered yet another round of fullscale war in the streets, the political leaders remained powerless to arrest the lapse back into complete anarchy. A special meeting of the Council of Deputies had to be called off after repeated rounds of mortar fire hit the Parliament building and rockets exploded in the streets surrounding it.

Throughout the day heavy explosions rocked the city as fighting between leftist Muslims and right-wing Christians grew fiercer. Bodies could not be collected in battle areas because of the swirling clashes and the snipers who dominated entire areas from vantage points on skyscrapers and blocks of flats.

Mr Rashid Karami, the Prime Minister, who saw his painstaking peace efforts dashed by the sectarian killings over the weekend, *described* it as an "ill-fated day in Lebanon's history". He declared that he was determined to stay on as Prime Minister depite what had happened because he felt that if he were to resign the country might suffer an even more serious fate.

What is clear is that peacemaking efforts have been set back weeks if not months. The ferocity of today's fighting compares with the first "hotel battle", in which the two sides were locked in deadly combat over the same area for a week. And this time, the sectarian nature of the conflict is more pronounced.

In a desperate attempt to restart the national dialogue, President Suleiman Franjieh called a meeting of all political and religious leaders for tomorrow. However, the events of the past week or so have left many Lebanese with the impression that the fate of the country no longer rests with the traditional leaders, who have lost ground to the gang leaders in the streets.

The Muslim attack on the disputed hotel area came early today after the Government had called for a complete curfew to end the weekend wave of sectarian murders. It was launched

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Jets force airliner to land

Tel Aviv, Dec 8.—Israel jet fighters today intercepted a Cyprus airliner with 52 people on board and forced it to land at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv when it headed for Israel-controlled air space, airport sources said.

The DC-9 with 47 passengers and a crew of five was flying from Athens to Larnaca in Cyprus, when it wandered off course, they added.

The pilot of the airliner explained that he had been informed in mid-flight of bad weather over Cyprus and had headed for the Israel coast. Before he could request a landing at Ben Gurion Airport, the fighters had intercepted him. Passengers were taken to the airport lounge for refreshments.

The sources also said that Ben Gurion Airport had been marked on the pilot's map as his official alternative landing place but Israel authorities had not been told.

After telephoning Cyprus Airways officials in Larnaca, local company representatives postponed the return flight until tomorrow morning. Passengers were sent to Tel Aviv hotels.—Reuter.

Commons asked for £3,160m

Supplementary Estimates totalling £3,160m were presented to Parliament yesterday. Of that, £2,315m is to cover pay and price increases in civil and defence services and local authorities. Real increases in public expenditure will cost £550m, including a further £22m for food subsidies and £95m assistance to Rolls-Royce and the Concorde. The Arts Council is to get an additional £2.3m raising its total recurrent grant to £27.3m Page 4

Fleet Street deal

Four unions have agreed to cooperate in the introduction of new technology on national newspapers in return for a qualified assurance by the employers of no compulsory redundancies. Three other unions with members in Fleet Street did not attend the talks Page 2

Poles look West

Poland is looking for new trade openings with the capitalist countries of the West, Mr Gierek, party leader, told a Warsaw congress attended by most of the East European leaders. Warsaw's close relationship with the Soviet Union and Comecon would, of course, continue Page 6

'Bias' causes strike

Journalists employed by Mr Rupert Murdoch's newspapers in Sydney last night voted to strike until Wednesday in protest at what they consider "repeated and continuing bias" against Mr Gough Whitlam Page 7

Gunmen free children after promise

The South Moluccan gunmen holding more than 20 hostages in the Indonesian Consulate in Amsterdam last night freed the last four children. The move came after they received assurances that a senior Indonesian diplomat will meet a Moluccan representative today Page 7

Threat to import curbs

The United States may be forced to retaliate if the British Government goes ahead with import controls, a White House official said yesterday. Firm decisions on a series of measures to protect employment, believed to include selective controls, are expected to be taken by the Cabinet on Thursday Page 21

Sterling funds fall

Overseas investors made heavy withdrawals of sterling funds from London during the third quarter. Balance of payments figures published yesterday show that exchange reserves dropped £380m during the period Page 21

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Herrema accused voices threat of terror campaign against foreign businessmen

From Christopher Walker
Dublin

The threat of a new terrorist campaign against foreign businessmen in the Irish Republic was voiced in the dock of the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday by Eddie Gallagher, a former member of the Provisional IRA. He was appearing on charges relating to the recent kidnapping of Dr Tiede Herrema, the Dutch industralist.

Ignoring repeated warnings by the judge, Mr Gallagher, who is 28, read from a scribbled text he had brought into the courtroom. After several interruptions he crumpled the paper and threw it on to the press benches, where it was snatched up by a police sergeant.

Before the hearing resumed Mr Gallagher shouted: "By using one bullet at Monasterevin we could have set the Irish economy back 10 years had we chosen to do so. Tomorrow, by using six bullets, our comrades can quite easily deal this country a crippling blow from which she will never recover.

"In Ireland today the constitution and individual and collective liberties are being trampled underfoot by the sinister men in the coalition [government] who are no more than nominal agents for foreign bankers *and multinational companies.*"

Dressed in an anorak and sporting the thick black beard he grew during the 18-day council house siege, Mr Gallagher began his angry monologue from the moment he was led into the heavily guarded dock. At one point the court had to be adjourned for two hours because the prosecu*tion discovered* that it had not enough evidence available to counter his unexpected plea for bail.

Mr. Gallagher and Miss Coyle being driven from the court in Dublin yesterday.

Earlier the crowded court*room had* been treated to another outburst from Miss Marian Coyle. Both she and Mr Gallagher face charges of possessing firearms with intent to endanger life and of obstructing the executive function of the state by intimidation. Other charges are likely to be tabled before the trial, but they will not include kidnapping, which is not a specific offence under Irish law.

Looking pale, Miss Coyle, aged 19, complained about conditions at Limerick jail since the demonstration two weeks ago *when women warders were* scalded by boiling water hurled by female prisoners, including Miss Rose Dugdale.

Before being told sharply by Mr Justice Pringle that prison conditions were not a matter for the court, Miss Coyle alleged that prisoners were locked in their cells 24 hours a day, forced to eat and sleep on the floor because their furniture had been *removed*, and denied visitors, cigarettes and books.

"This intolerable and animal-like treatment of republican prisoners cannot be allowed to continue", she added.

Both Miss Coyle and Mr Gallagher were remanded in custody to appear before the court again on January 14. Mr Laurence Farrell, the assistant state solicitor, explained that one reason for the delay in preparing the prosecution's case had been the previous unavailability of Dr Herrema.

Tory temper cools on detention decision

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent

In the cold light of dawn, or at least in the realization that at all costs the bipartizan policy on Northern Ireland must be held together, the Tory onslaught on the Government for ending detention went off not with a bang but a whimper in the Commons yesterday.

Without a sign of militancy, Mr Airey Neave, Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland, asked whether tht Government was aware of the deep misgivings about that step with violence at its present level.

He welcomed the policy of bringing people before the courts, and wondered whether some released men, self-confessed members of an illegal organization, would be prosecuted.

Mr Orme, the Minister of State, replying in Mr Rees's absence, said that since 1971 more than two-thousand detainees had been released, about half under the Conservatives.

Over the weekend, he said, the most disappointed people in Northern Ireland were those who had turned to violence.

From the Liberal benches Mr Steel welcomed a step to judicial normality.

Mr Fitt, Social and Democratic *Labour MP* for Belfast, West, recalled the Provisionals' Belfast bonfires to celebrate internment, the greatest weapon in their armoury.

Mr Amery mildly hoped that "this gamble" would pay off.

Mr Orme told him that if the House readopted the Emergency Provisions Act next Thursday detention powers would be retained.

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Deal on new methods by four press unions

By Tim Jones
Labour Staff

Four unions representing more than four-fifths of the labour force on national newspapers have agreed to cooperate with managements over the introduction of new technology in return for an undertaking, with some qualifications, that there will be no compulsory redundancies.

An announcement yesterday by the Newspaper Publishers Association heralds the beginning of serious negotiations between unions and management on the computer-based technology that may help the industry to overcome its financial crisis.

Three unions, the National Graphical Association (NGA), the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers (Slade), and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers were not represented at the talks that led to the agreement, and last night they were still resisting cooperation.

Mr Joe Wade, assistant general secretary of the NGA, said the "no-redundancies" pledge removed a hurdle, but participation of his union in the talks would depend on obtaining a common policy agreement with the other unions which acknowledged as far as possible existing demarcation lines.

Mr John Jackson, general secretary of Slade, said it had backed the Government-TUC pay initiative on the understanding that it would help to curb unemployment. His union would not be a party to any "special pleas" by employers to reduce the work force, but it would be willing to hold talks with them.

The AUEW considers its interests are best served by holding separate talks with management without the direct involvement of other unions.

Yesterday's announcement followed a meeting on Friday between the Newspaper Publishers Association and the Mirror group, and representatives of four unions: the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat), the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa), the electricians' union and the National Union of Journalists. The statement said:

At a joint meeting of all national newspaper publishers and senior union representatives it was agreed that there should be no compulsory redundancy in the areas covered by the introduction of new technology and methods.

In return for that undertaking the unions stated that they would cooperate in management plans for the introduction of new technology and methods in individual offices.

It was also accepted that the above undertaking could not apply where a newspaper was in such a financial position as to jeopardize the future employment of its staff and in such other circumstances as to be mutually agreed between the parties.

Publishers agreed to examine with the unions concerned the system of employment of casual staff in national newspapers with a view to its progressive elimination, the employers accepting their social obligations to all those employed in the industry. A working party of the employers and unions has been set up for this purpose.

The meeting accepted that an appropriate method of improving efficiency and achieving long-term viability of the industry was the introduction of voluntary redundancy in appropriate areas.

It was also agreed that early retirement and adequate pension schemes should be established with the same objective.

It was accepted that in both these cases it was necessary to establish that if those concerned left the employ of the industry and ceased to be the responsibility of the unions the social obligations would need to be accepted.

With these points in mind it was agreed that working parties should be set up to make recommendations to the main group. In view of this it was agreed that the unions would immediately examine the implications of continuing recruitment into the national newspaper industry.

Press charter: The immediate drafting of a charter on press freedom was premature until the final terms of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill were known, the Newspaper Society has told the National Union of Journalists (the Press Association reports).

The society's statement is in response to an invitation from the NUJ to participate in drafting such a charter irrespective of the outcome of the proposed legislation.

The society holds that freedom of expression is a constitutional issue and thus not appropriate for negotiation as an industrial relations matter between unions and employers. It said there were still hopes for legal status for any charter on press freedom.

Mrs Castle agrees on new doctors' pay audit

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Mrs Castle, Secretary of Stat for Social Services, will se junior hospital doctors' leade today in an attempt to end th dispute that has disrupted se vices in most hospitals in th country.

In a letter to Dr Dere Stevenson, secretary of t British Medical Associati Mrs Castle agreed that independent audit of the mon available for overtime paymen should include the late *figures available.* She ask whether her proposals f immediate steps to agree a tim table for reducing hours of d to a maximum of 80 a we would be taken up.

The letter concluded expressing the hope that af today's meeting the jun doctors night end their indu rial action.

But junior doctors' lead were not optimistic last nig Dr M. S. Baylis, deputy cha man of the Hospital Jun Staffs Committee, which w meet today to consider t letter, said: "I do not thi that there will be a solution, will have to go back to t regions, and they will n accept until there is a concre offer of money on the tabl

Mrs Castle, he said, seem to have admitted that mo money was available for ov time payments. But her figu went only to June, where figures the doctors had gathe went up to October.

The junior doctors say that the review body had prio their new contract on the bas of this year's overtime figur there would have been no d pute.

Mrs Castle, *in her letter*, sa it would be for the review bo to see whether it should revis its recommendations on th pricing of the new contract i the light of later figures. Th Government and the professio would want to submit their ow evidence.

Some progress has bee made in the senior hospit doctors' dispute with the Go ernment over the separation o private practice, from the NH but it seems unlikely that a statement will be made befo the middle of this week.

Dame Elizabeth Ackroy president of the Patients' Ass ciation, handed out leafle outside BMA headquarters i London yesterday in prote against the doctors' dispute. Placards proclaimed: "Trea them first, talk later". **Hospitals closed:** The Hospita for Women, in Soho, Londo Stockport Infirmary and Wa sall General Hospital hav closed. Cromer Hospital, in No folk, is expected to close o Thursday, although some ou patient clinics will continue t operate (the Press Associatio reports).

Junior doctors at the Victori Hospital, Kirkcaldy, Fife, amon the most militant in Scotland will undertake only emergency work from tomorrow.

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Man wanted in Britain given bail in Dublin

From a Staff Reporter
Dublin

Joseph Gilhooley, who is wanted for questioning by the British police in connexion with terrorist incidents on the English mainland, including an explosion at the home of Mr Heath last December, was released on bail by Dublin High Court yesterday.

The decision will further sour relations between the Irish and British security forces, as senior Scotland Yard detectives are known to have regarded Mr Gilhooley's initial remand in custody as a pointer to the successful outcome of their extradition attempt.

The British extradition warrant was granted at a district court in co Laois last Tuesday. It cited fingerprint evidence on a bomb planted last year in Aldershot, and was supported in court by an expert from London.

The district court, the equivalent of the English magistrates' court, allowed Mr Gilhooley 15 days in which to appeal. That procedure is usual in extradition cases and is the cause of much dissatisfaction to the British Government as he will be able to seek exemption on the familiar grounds that the charges relate to a political offence.

After the recent controversy surrounding the arrest in co Monaghan and later release of Miss Margaret McKearney, whom Scotland Yard has described as Britain's most wanted female terrorist, the attempt to extradite Mr Gilhooley was regarded in London as a test case.

Although there was no apparent evidence of any change in the Irish law, Scotland Yard was watching the outcome of his appeal to see if it showed any evidence of a change in the attitude of the Irish courts to extradition requests.

Yesterday Mr Gilhooley, who was born in England, was granted bail of £100 in his own recognizance and two sureties of £2,000 each.

Jail breaker caught: Michael Kinsella, aged 22, one of the Provisional IRA men involved in last year's mass escape from the Irish Republic's Portlaoise jail has been recaptured (the Press Association reports). He was picked up at a police checkpoint near Swanlinbar, co Cavan.

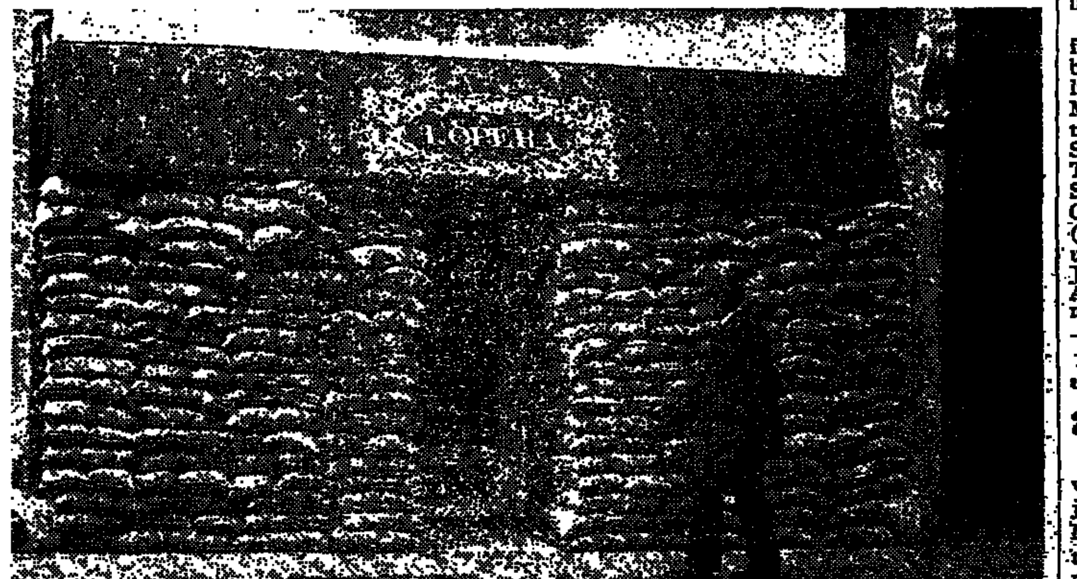
Bombs defused: The Army defused two bombs in Northern Ireland yesterday, one of 20lb *in Dungannon, and other of* 90lb in Coalisland, both co Tyrone.

Magazine suspended

Majority, the fortnightly periodical founded last month by Mr Ross McWhirter, who was shot dead by terrorists, is to suspend publication, his executor said yesterday.

Ladbroke appeal

Ladbroke's is to appeal against the Glasgow industrial tribunal ruling last October that it should pay compensation of between £100 and £200 to six former employees for unfair dismissals from betting shops in the West of Scotland, and reinstate them.


Wartime memories stirred yesterday in Great Queen Street, Covent Garden, London, after one restaurant found an answer to the bombers.

Police 'do not want to harm anyone'

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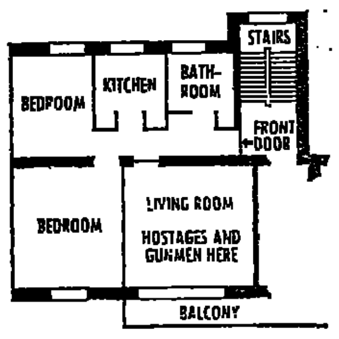
always been not to destroy life but to save it.

"We are absolutely sincere in saying our objective is to save the lives of everybody in that room."

He added that it would be folly to go into details about what the police thought was going on in the living room of the flat because the gunmen were able to watch television and listen to radio.



Plan of the siege flat.

Suit by companies over 78 feature films

Eight leading film companies have started a copyright action against Mr Howard Worth, a Nottingham solicitor, over a collection of 78 world-famous feature films.

By a High Court writ the companies seek to ban Mr Worth from infringing their copyright in the films. They also claim a declaration that the films are their property, and seek damages against Mr *Worth for their detention.*

The companies are: Walt Disney Productions Ltd; Columbia-Warner Distributors; Grand National Film Distributors; Twentieth Century-Fox Film Co; EMI Film Distributors; Cinema International Corporation Ltd; Rank Film Distributors, and United Artists.

They want to know who supplied Mr Worth with the allegedly infringing copies of the films, and who has been supplied with such copies by him.

The films include: *The Lady and the Tramp; Bambi; The Sound of Music; A Touch of Class; The Great Dictator; Goldfinger; From Russia With Love; West Side Story* and *Rosemary's Baby.*

In a separate action, Mr *Worth,* of *Cyprus Road,* Mapperley Park, Nottingham, is suing the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire and Sir Robert Mark, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, claiming damages for trespass to his goods. He seeks an order against Sir Robert for the return of his film collection.

Journalists vote against strike

Journalists working on provincial newspapers have rejected a recommendation by the National Union of Journalists to strike and have accepted a pay offer by the Newspaper Society by 3,314 votes to 1,235.

The union had been offered an all-round increase from January 1 of £6, linked to a formula that would reduce normal age and service increments due to some juniors aged over 18.

The union said: "They do not like the deal but are obviously not sufficiently unhappy with it to take strike action before Christmas."

Identification issue in cab driver's plea

By a Staff Reporter

The hearing of the appeal of George Davis, the mini-cab driver, for leave to appeal against his conviction and sentence of 20 years' imprisonment for his alleged part in an armed payroll robbery in east London, opened in the High Court yesterday before Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, with Lord Justice Bridge and Mr Justice Park.

Mr John Marriage, QC, for Mr Davis, said the trial judge had admitted that the whole trial rested primarily on identification. He had been unfair to Mr Davis, however, in not drawing attention in his summing-up to the circumstances in which the gang were seen and the weaknesses and discrepancies in identification evidence.

Three witnesses had picked out at identity parades three different defendants as being one of the robbers, who had been described as "fat and paunchy".

The hearing continues today.

Mr Daly discharged

Mr Lawrence Daly, aged 51, the general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, was discharged from a hospital in Dumfries yesterday nearly ten weeks after being injured in a fatal road crash in Scotland. His niece, Eileen Daly aged seven, from Coventry, who was orphaned, is expected to be released later this week.

Death threat in telephone call

Stuart Paul Gibson, aged 54, of Langdale Drive, Breadsall, Derby, was fined £35 by Derby magistrates yesterday for a telephone call to Radio Derby in which he was alleged to have threatened to assassinate Igor Klimov and destroy the Soviet Embassy.

Mr Gibson denied threatening Lesley Elizabeth Sparre that he would attack the embassy with bombs and that charge was dismissed.

£47,000 hashish in caravan

Customs officers at Southampton found hashish valued at more than £47,000 hidden in a mobile caravan, it was alleged at the Isle of Wight Crown Court at Newport yesterday.

Harry Donovan, aged 29, an antique dealer, of Park View Avenue South, Seattle, Washington, said to have convictions for drug-smuggling in other countries, pleaded guilty to bringing more than 80 lb of hashish into Britain. He was jailed for four years.

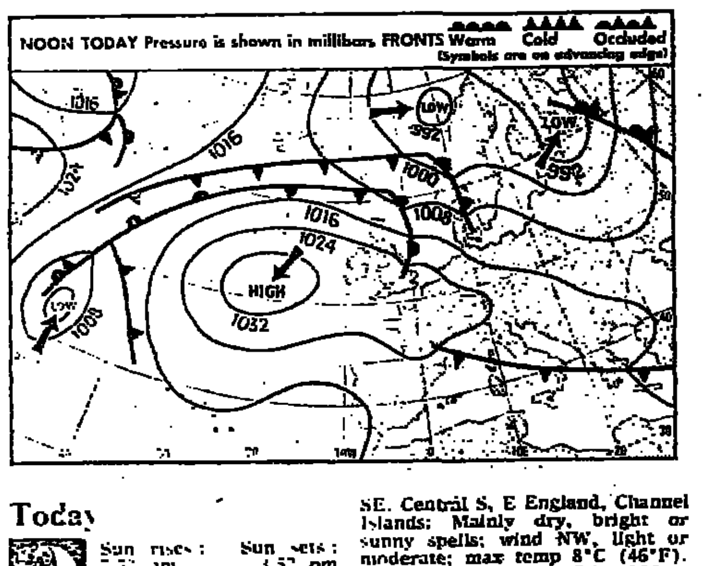
Dismissed man says he will sue

Mr Thomas Clarke, a car worker, of Whipperley Ring, Luton, dismissed by Vauxhall Motors for refusing to join a union, said yesterday that he intended to sue for wrongful dismissal. Mr Clarke, aged 60, who has worked for Vauxhall for 10 years, was one of three workers dismissed under a new closed-shop policy covering the company's 26,000 hourly-paid workers.

Train robber freed

James Hussey, one of the mail train robbers, was released on parole yesterday, but Douglas Gordon Goody, who was also expecting to be released, was not—having lost 14 days' remission.

Weather forecast and recordings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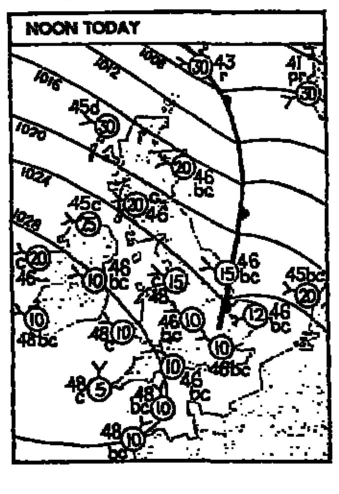

Today

Sun rises: 7.53 am
Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon rises: 11.34 am
Moon sets: 11.11 pm

First quarter: Tomorrow.

Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.25 am.

High water: London Bridge, 5.29 am 6.6m (21.7ft); 6.4 pm, 6.6m (21.5ft). Avonmouth, 11.2 am, 11.5m (37.7ft); 11.22 pm, 10.8m (35.3ft). Dover, 2.40 am, 6.2m (20.3 ft); 3.12 pm 5.8m (19.0ft). Hull, 10.12 am, 6.2m (20.3ft); 10.4 pm, 6.4m (21.0ft). Liverpool, [illegible] am, 7.9m (25.9ft); 3.22 pm, 8.2m (26.8ft).

A large anticyclone W of the British Isles will maintain a NW airstream over all areas.

Area forecasts:

London, Midlands, East Anglia, SE, Central S, E England, Channel Islands: Mainly dry, bright or sunny spells; wind NW, light or moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F).

SW England, Wales, Isle of Man: Mostly dry, rather cloudy; wind NW, light or moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Lake District, NW, Central N England, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Rather cloudy, mostly dry: wind NW, light or moderate: max temp 8°C (46°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Mostly dry, bright or sunny intervals; wind NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, extensive hill fog; wind NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

N Ireland: Rather cloudy but mostly dry; wind NW, moderate; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Mostly dry, bright periods, some rain in N and W Scotland, with overnight frosts and fog patches in S.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 8°C (46°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 4°C (39°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.2 hrs. Bar, mean sea level 6 pm, 1,028.9 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; th, thunder.

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Akrotiri	[illegible]	15	59	Cardiff	c	7	45	Jersey	c	9	48	Naples	c	11	52
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Athens	f	10	50	Dublin	c	6	[illegible]	Locarno	s	6	43	Oslo	c	3	37
Barcelona	[illegible]	10	[illegible]	Edinburgh	s	5	41	London	f	6	43	Paris	c	9	48
Beirut	c	17	[illegible]	Florence	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	Luxembrg	c	5	41	Reykjavik	d	3	37
Belfast	c	5	[illegible]	Funchal	f	12	54	Madrid	c	9	48	Rome	r	1	34
Berlin	c	5	41	Geneva	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Majorca	f	16	61	Stockholm	c	2	36
Biarritz	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gibraltar	[illegible]	15	[illegible]	Malaga	[illegible]	15	59	Tel Aviv	s	20	68
Birmingham	s	[illegible]	[illegible]	Guernsey	[illegible]	9	48	Malta	f	16	61	Venice	f	6	43
Bristol	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Helsinki	sn	0	32	Manchestr	s	4	39	Vienna	f	7	45
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Budapest	c	3	[illegible]					Munich	c	3	37	Zurich	c	3	37

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, BFr 25; Canaries, Pes 10; Denmark, DKr 3.75; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Frs 2.80; Germany, Dmk 2.00; Greece, Dr 25; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 450; Luxembourg, Lf 20; Madeira, Esc 17.50; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 35; Sweden, Skr 3.75; Switzerland, Sfr 2.30; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.

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"Voluntary initiative is a vital legacy to leave the future"

Lord Shawcross

"Nothing can take the place of friendly personal help to people in need; and as society gets more impersonal we want it even more however our social services develop.

I believe it is particularly needed among the elderly, for as one gets older it becomes easier to understand their special problems. To sit in loneliness every day, as many have to, is a very heavy burden.

I therefore welcome the initiative shown by Help the Aged in helping the growing number of lonely old people in our midst. Just as they have shown compassion and common sense in providing flats, they are now finding a positive answer to loneliness by mobilising local people in helping to start Day Centres. Here old people find friendship and practical help in remaining active. I can think of no finer legacy to leave."

Under recent legislation gifts to charity up to £100,000 are exempt from Gift Tax.

Commemorate someone dear to you

£150 perpetuates the name of a much loved person on the Founder's Plaque of another essential Day Centre.

£100 names a hospital bed overseas.

For further details please write to: **The Hon. Treasurer, the Rt. Hon. Lord Maybray-King, Help the Aged, Room T1L, 8 Denman Street, London W1A 2AP.**

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Students reject move o elect executive hrough secret ballot

ro David Hencke
The Times Higher Education plement
rborough

he National Union of Stuts yesterday rejected a call the executive to be elected national secret ballot after onfused and emotional conpce debate at Scarborough, th spread into two sessions ended with a defeat for all osals put forward for elecl reform.

he call for a national ballot supported by a number of ersities and polytechnics by Mr Leighton Evans, the ident, of Newcastle Polynic and a member of the erate Students for Repreative Policies group. He ned delegates that the union becoming out of touch with nary students. It was btful whether 200,000 of its 000 members were repreed at the conference and number was becoming less very meeting. Direct eles would make the union e representative.

r Alastair Stewart, deputy ident of the union, attacked proposals as a move by -wing students to defeat a lominantly left-wing execu- by changing the election n. At present the executive lected by the delegates to national conference. His rtion that the Electoral orm Society had indicated direct elections were "unkable, undemocratic and e unprincipled" was hotly tested by Mr Dermot rett, of Imperial College, don. Examination of a r from the Electoral orm Society showed that Mr vart's statement had left out osals from the society to rm the constitution.

oint statements yesterday n the Federation of Conserve Students, the Students for Representative Policies and the Union of Liberal Students condemned Mr Stewart's speech as "grossly misrepresenting the evidence of the Electoral Reform Society on the electoral structure of the National Union of Students."

Voting against direct elections was 344,473 to 115,720, with 24,613 abstentions. But a motion to strengthen the existing system and cut the salaries of six members of the national executive was also defeated, by 204,426 to 184,712, with 37,111 abstentions.

A 54-point campaign for higher grants for students and no cuts in education was adopted by the union. It calls for a £985 grant with £1,080 for students living in London. Present rates are £740 and £810. The motion called for another demonstration against education cuts and a programme of cooperation with trade unions opposing the cuts.

The union is, however, prepared to campaign for no local authority grants for students at the independent university at Buckingham, the only private university in Britain. The union is planning to organize a demonstration outside the university demanding that it should become part of the public sector.

Conservative advice: After the conference, Mr Mark Hapgood, chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students, urged student unions not to disaffiliate from the union because the secret ballot move had failed. The Conservatives (the Press Association reports) would be pressing the issue again at the next student conference

The conference censured the NUS president, Mr Charles Clarke, for the executive's failure to help students at the Polytechnic of North London.

Taxation a menace to Chiltern woodland

From Our Correspondent
Bletchley

Thousands of acres of woods in an area of outstanding natural beauty are in danger of being axed. Capital transfer tax is inducing owners to cash in now on the value of the wood.

The threatened woodlands are 33,000 acres set in the 300 square miles of the Chilterns in Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire.

The Chilterns Standing Conference is to press Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a test case to exempt owners except when the land is sold, on the ground that the area is of "significant scenic interest".

That argument will be put to a Treasury minister by a delegation from the conference which is made up of delegates from the four county councils, the forestry and countryside commissions, the Nature Conservancy Council, and the National Trust.

A conference report said: "Britain's most heavily wooded area of outstanding natural beauty is in grave danger of losing its attractive landscape."

Mr Roger Parker-Jervis, the conference chairman, said: "The manner of applying the tax gives no incentive to maintain a mixed forest of all ages.

"Instead there is every incentive to thin mature hardwoods, bringing large areas of woodland to near dereliction."

Man with double first still seeks post after five months

'No jobs for classics graduates'

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Mr Dominic Solly, aged 23, a former public schoolboy, graduated from Merton College, Oxford, with a double-first degree last July. Five months later he is still looking for a job, despite some interviews and many letters applying for posts.

His case illustrates that it is not only the unqualified school-leaver who is finding it increasingly difficult to get employment. Over the years it may have become much harder for brilliant academics to get jobs in industry, the Civil Service and the Foreign Office.

His ambition was to enter politics, and as a first step he applied to take the Civil Service examinations a year ago, hoping to become a House of Commons clerk. Having taken the examinations, he had two testing interviews with the Civil Service and was then surprised to fail with a Grade D classification.

Mr John Lucas, classics and philosophy don, Mr Solly's tutor at Merton, said yesterday that he had gained the impression over the past few years that the Civil Service had developed an anti-Oxford bias.

He said: "I imagine that they do not want people from Oxford. They are not looking for intellectual ability any more."

The Civil Service yesterday denied that it had a bias or was no longer interested in recruiting high intellectual quality.

Mr Dominic Solly: Classed Grade D after interview.

The commission said that out of 1,418 successful administrative trainees accepted by the service between 1971 and 1975 nearly half (666) had come from either Oxford or Cambridge; 664 came from other universities and 88 were non-graduates.

After coming down from Oxford Mr Solly wrote about forty letters applying for posts in international banking, merchant banking, financial journalism, the wine trade, television research departments, publishing and the antique book trade.

Some firms did not reply. Most wrote a short note saying they had no vacancies. The staff manager of Kleinwort, Benson, the merchant bankers, said a decision had been made this year not to recruit graduates.

Mrs Audrey Segal, editor of *Which University* guide to degrees, said yesterday: "For the past five years a degree has no longer had a rarity value.

"High-fliers are not in great demand. Some employers are frightened by someone who is over-qualified for the job. He poses a threat".

Mr Solly managed to get an interview last October with the book department at Sotheby's, the auctioneers, about the possibility of his becoming a cataloguer. But he did not get the job.

Mr Michael Morton-Smith, of the department who interviewed him, said: "He had very good qualifications. It was splendid to have Latin and Greek. He also had sufficient knowledge of French, German, Italian and Spanish for the job. But it was a question of his having to learn bookselling from scratch and my having to spend half my time teaching him. It was just not possible".

Mr Thomas Snow, secretary of the Oxford University Appointments Committee, said Mr Solly had asked his office to be kept informed of job vacancies but had specified that they should be "all jobs suitable" and had ruled out law and accountancy.

He said: "Mr Solly has still not learnt the lesson that first-class classics graduates are not God's gift to employers. There are no jobs for classics graduates. He needs to get himself a new type of training. A knowledge of accountancy would stand him in good stead in merchant banking.

"He epitomizes the sort of academic graduate who does not realize that an academic degree is no passport to a job unless it is topped up with vocational training. Then he should have no difficulty. The world is his oyster".

'Mersey belt' priority claim is accepted

From Our Correspondent
Manchester

Cities and towns along the "Mersey belt", the zone stretching from Merseyside to Greater Manchester, which has the most pressing environmental difficulties in the Northwest, yesterday welcomed a Government declaration of support for its claim to priority in the allocation of resources.

The declaration came in the Government's response to the *Strategic Plan for the North-west*, which was published in 1974.

The proposal, the most contentious in the plan, was basically one that recognized that most people would continue to live and work in existing communities.

Mr Oakes, Parliamentary Under Secretary, Department of the Environment, said at a press conference in Manchester yesterday that the decision did not mean that other parts of the region would be neglected or that there was any intention of abandoning the embryonic Central Lancashire new town.

But any hopes of a short-term transformation in the Mersey belt were quickly extinguished. The plan urged "a decade of special effort" to help the North-west to catch up with other regions but Mr Oakes underlined the Government's view that any overall increase in resources was out of the question at a time of economic crisis.

Regional Strategy for the North-west: Government response (Department of the Environment).

Miner accused of sabotage to pit's ventilation

From Our Correspondent
Sheffield

A miner was said at Sheffield Crown Court yesterday to have sabotaged the ventilation of his pit, endangering the lives of his workmates. It was at Grimethorpe colliery, Barnsley, only a few days after an explosion at the adjoining Houghton Main colliery in which men were killed, the jury was told.

Mr Paul Johnson, for the Crown, alleged that an empty 45-gallon oil drum had been pushed into the ventilation bagging, rendering the air system useless and leaving a 660-yard of tunnelling without air.

Joseph Peter Thompson, aged 26, a control man working the conveyers, of Eurton Crescent, Monk Bretton, pleaded not guilty to damaging ventilation bagging with intent to endanger the lives of men working in the New Hill seam or being reckless whether their lives would be endangered.

Mr Johnson said the damage was discovered before the beginning of the next shift. A build-up of gases would have created a fire hazard, with the possibility of an explosion. Though it was not conclusive, oil found on Mr Thompson's clothing matched that from the drum.

The trial continues today.

More power juvenile ourts' plea

Our Legal Correspondent

he basic responsibility for encing young offenders uld be returned to the nile courts rather than left social workers, the Bow up proposes in a pamphlet lished today.

he pamphlet, written by Mary Colton, a barrister, ts out that the Children Young Persons Act, 1969, ished direct committals to oved schools (now comity homes) and left it to the l worker to decide the ee of restraint that should lt from a care or supern order.

ne machinery of the courts ained at least some of the er safeguards both of the ic interest and of that of defendant. Giving back to magistrates the power to e specific orders as to e the child offender should sent would not exclude g into account the advice experience of social ers.

e 1969 Act had not in ice reduced juvenile crime, pamphlet states, and about arter more juveniles were g cautioned or prosecuted when the Act was passed. niles under 17 now unted for almost a quarter l indictable crime, about 40 cent of burglaries and eries and 16 per cent of es of violence.

rents should always be e to pay full compensation ffences committed by their ren unless they could show ecial reason to the con- A local authority should ade liable for compensation case involving a child in its regardless of whether the was physically in its dy.

e Bow Group also calls for of the provisions of the Act, not yet implemented, abandoned. In particular, pamphlet says that the age iminal responsibility should be raised, and the use of als and detention centres d not be phased out. The had envisaged that both d take place but those ons were never impleed.

without control. (Bow), 240 High Holborn, London 40p.)

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dy Lucan's petition for ial separation from her and, the missing earl, was urned in the Family Diviof the High Court yester-

en Mr Justice Rees, who heard all the previous cases concerning the e's three children and ces since Lord Lucan disared 13 months ago, took at, Mr Bruce Coles, counor Lady Lucan, said that was seeking a decree of ial separation based on iour grounds.

e court then heard *in ra* other summonses in representatives of the es of the Lucan family and the Official Solicitor, ehalf of the children, all of court, were concerned. d Lucan, 41 in 10 days if he is still alive, vanished the murder of his childnursemaid, Mrs Sandra t. He is being sought for nurder on a Scotland Yard nt.

Simon Swallow, Lady n's solicitor, said later the on for judicial separation not been proceeded with use it had been linked to ancillary matters relating nancial provision.

Cut in Scots' councils is refused

From Our Correspondent
Kirkwall

The Prime Minister, in a letter to Mr Grimond, the former Liberal leader, says that although he himself has been critical of the way in which the reorganization of local government has been carried out "it must be given time to settle down and solve its problems. It would be wrong to face it now with a period of further uncertainty so soon after reorganization".

The letter is in reply to Mr Grimond's suggestion that one of the tiers of local government in Scotland should be abolished, in order to reduce public expenditure.

Mr. Wilson says: "Your suggestion is founded on a misconception of the role we propose for the Scottish assembly. It is not intended that it should assume powers from local government: its role is to take over work now carried out at Westminster."

Spaghetti House case opens

Committal proceedings against six men charged in connexion with the Spaghetti House siege in Knightsbridge began yesterday at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, London, under tight police security. All six are charged with conspiring to rob branch managers of the restaurant group on or before September 28.

Three of them face further charges of assaulting eight managers and "injuriously imprisoning them" against their will, and a fourth is accused of the attempted robbery of £12,284. They are further charged with having firearms, a shotgun and two pistols, and two are also alleged to have had a gas gun at their home without authority.

Beaten wife died of natural causes

A verdict of death from natural causes was recorded at Northampton yesterday on a woman who had been beaten by her husband during arguments before she collapsed and died. Death was due to brain haemorrhage.

Mr M. F. Collcutt, the coroner, said he was satisfied that Mrs Barbara Watts, aged 34, mother of two children, of Duston, had developed high blood pressure as a result of depression and not of the injuries inflicted by her husband.

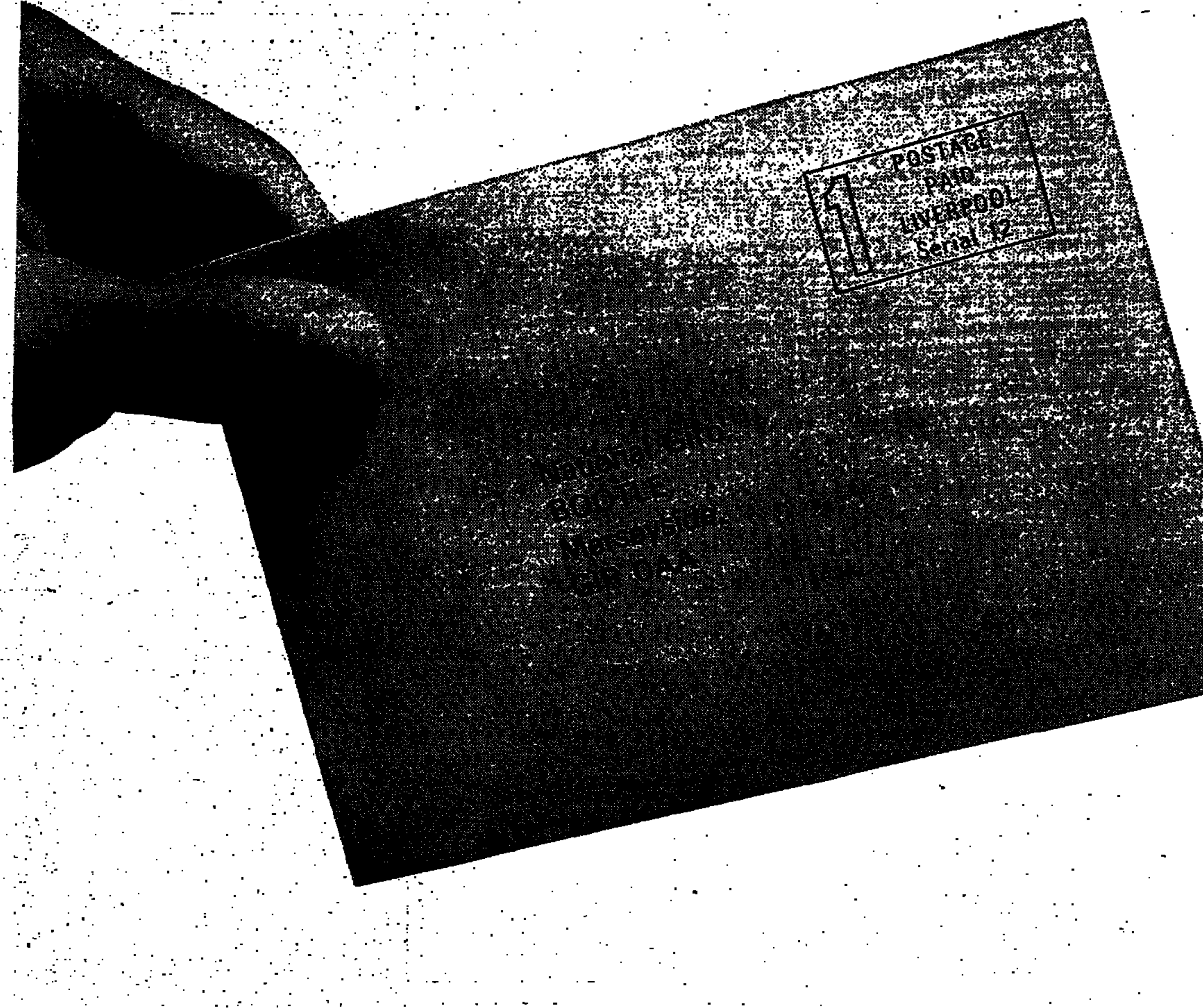
Car burnt out on way to court

Mrs Mary Lynch, aged 51, of Pollards Road, Whetstone, London, who pleaded guilty at Hendon Magistrates' Court to driving while unfit through drink and failing to comply with a traffic sign, on Sunday, was fined a total of £105, ordered to pay £22.39 costs, and disqualified from driving for a year.

Police Sergeant Daniel Foley said that on her way to court yesterday Mrs Lynch's Escort car caught fire from a petrol leak and was burnt out.

Radiation leak

Two airline workers were taken to hospital on Sunday when an empty radioactive container was found to be leaking in a warehouse at Heathrow airport, London, it was disclosed yesterday. They were allowed to leave after tests.



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Pay and price rises to cost taxpayer an additional £2,315m

By David Wood
Political Editor

While the Cabinet prepares this week to decide defence and other departmental expenditure cuts for the years 1977-80, and to settle how much finance can be poured in to rescue at least part of the Chrysler operation in Britain, the Treasury last night published Supplementary Estimates for £3,160m and hid its embarrassment behind an impassive front.

The Vote on Account, also published, leaves undisclosed where the Treasury expects the imminent Cabinet cuts to fall. But the estimates for what is required on account for the next financial year, 1976-77, are less than half the 1975-76 total net votes on which provision on account has been based: £2,140m against £4,755m. Technically the Vote on Account is needed to allow existing services to continue until Parliament has considered the 1976-77 Estimates.

Of the total Supply expenditure of £3,160m, pay and price increases in some civil and defence services accounts for £1,109m, and pay and price increases by local authorities add £1,206m to rate-support grants.

After allowing for £295m of transfers within central government, £550m of the balance represents real increases in public expenditure.

Those real increases include the following, although there are reductions on other programmes to be offset: Agricultural support and intervention payments £152m; Food subsidies £22m; Regional development grants and assistance to industry £140m; Assistance to Rolls-Royce and Concorde £95m; Employment services £34m; Roads £28m; Housing £18m; Supplementary benefits and other non-contributory benefits £122m.

The Estimates need some Treasury explanation before they are interpreted. It would make the point, for example, that by convention financial provision can be sought in "main Estimates" only on the basis of pay and prices at the time when estimates are prepared, but that does not affect the Chancellor's Budget judgment that some increases are going to occur during the year.

The Treasury would also explain that there is a distinction between Supply expenditure and public expenditure. Public expenditure means the current and capital expenditure of central Government and local authorities, together with the capital expenditure for nationalized industries and other public corporations, with their debt interest.

Excluded from the definition are internal transactions within the public sector and offsets to Revenue.

On this definition, the total of £3,160m for supplementaries can be divided in the proportion of £1,561m added to public expenditure and £1,599m as provision for financing transactions within the public sector and offsets to revenue.

Pay and price increases account for large Supplementary Estimates on the Defence Votes, which include: Service pay and higher allowances, £49.5m; Service retired pay and pensions, £18m; Stores, supplies, etc, £4.9m; Civilian pay, £89.5m; Procurement administration and common services, £28m; Defence procurement: sea systems, £35m, land systems, £10m, air systems, £56m; Defence accommodation, etc, £34.8m.

Supply Estimates, 1975-76: Civil and Defence (Stationery Office £5.10p and 55p).
Vote on Account, 1976-77: Civil and Defence (Stationery Office, 22p and 12p).

Mr Silvino Trompetto (left), maître chef des cuisines at the Savoy Hotel, London, and Mr Gordon Vincent, a cook from the submarine Repulse, who is on a two-week course at the hotel.

Teachers end two-year dispute

From a Staff Reporter
Edinburgh

The Educational Institute of Scotland, a teachers' union, is to call off its two-year-long work-to-rule. The decision came yesterday after the union's members had accepted a contract of service that defines the teachers' working week, class sizes and holidays. The peace formula is expected to be formally accepted soon.

A ballot of the union's members on the contract was held after a management offer last month. The result showed that of the 31,954 teachers who took part 19,035 voted to accept the contract and to call off the work-to-rule. More than 12,400 voted to reject the contract.

In a statement issued at a press conference in Edinburgh, the union said that the result vindicated the policy adopted by its national executive, which had said that the balance of advantage lay in accepting the contract.

The statement added that although the contract fell far short of what the teachers had demanded it underpinned their position by setting enforceable limits to class sizes. It also gave teachers an annual leave entitlement of 58 working days. Hitherto holidays had been on a "grace and favour" basis.

The contract specifies a normal maximum size of 33 for primary school classes and academic classes in the first three years of secondary school, although exceptionally that limit might be extended to 39. The teacher's working week is defined as 32½ hours: the normal school week (within which there is allowance for preparation and correction) and an allowance of about an hour a day for the time spent working outside school hours.

'Men had 10 minutes to join union'

From Our Northern Industry Correspondent
Leeds

At the resumed industrial tribunal at Leeds yesterday one of the six men dismissed by the Central Electricity Generating Board from Ferrybridge power station because they belonged to an unrecognized union said that he and eight workmates were given 10 minutes to make their decision on union membership.

Three of the men decided to comply and join their former unions; four who chose a recognized union, but not their former one, were dismissed; two others refused to join any of the four recognized unions and were dismissed.

Mr Robert Holliday, of Castleford, one of the dismissed men, said that he and his workmates were summoned to see Mr Ronald Clyde, deputy superintendent at the power station. Mr Holliday said: "Mr Clyde said he would take it on his own bat to give us another chance to join one of the four recognized trade unions. He gave us 10 minutes to reconsider."

Mr Holliday said: "I could see he was not bluffing, so I said I would apply to join the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers."

Mr Holliday said he was told later by Mr Clyde that his application had been rejected.

Boy and mother in outburst

Violence broke out at Gloucester Juvenile Court yesterday when a brother and sister were put into care for assault. The boy, aged 16, was stopped by the clerk from reaching the magistrates. He threw a chair at the bench and the mother scattered court papers.

Policemen then arrived

Arts Council is given £2.3m extra

By Our Arts Reporter

The Arts Council is to receive a supplementary grant from the Government of £2.3m, of which £300,000 will help the National Theatre in its move to the South Bank next year.

It raises the council's total recurrent grant for 1975-76 to £27.3m, an increase of 31 per cent over the 1974-75 figure. Last year's supplementary grant was £1.75m, which increased the council's grant to £20.785m.

Mr Hugh Jenkins, minister responsible for the arts, announced the Supplementary Estimate in a Commons written reply yesterday. He said £2m was for the general purpose of giving the council's clients aid.

It will be for the Arts Council to decide how the additional cash, which must be approved by Parliament, will be allocated to mitigate the difficulties its clients are facing. The big national companies have large deficits, but with something like a thousand clients the council will have to weigh the needs of great and small alike.

The council will have to wait some time before knowing its grant for 1976-77; those estimates will be presented to Parliament early next year.

Mr Roy Shaw, secretary-general of the Arts Council, said the extra grant would help many opera, dance and drama companies and orchestras to live within their resources up to next April.

Careers officers want job subsidy raised

By Our Education Correspondent

The Institute of Careers Officers yesterday called on the Government to increase its subsidy for employers who take on unemployed young people from £5 to £7.50 for each such person taken on. It said the number of 40,000 unemployed school-leavers last month had to be compared with only 8,000 in November, 1974. There were still about 175,000 young people aged under 20 without jobs.

The institute wants an increased subsidy paid to firms that take on people within two years of their leaving school or college, provided their periods of unemployment add up to more than a year.

It believes the proposals might save public money by reducing the outlay on supplementary and other benefits.

Girl bomb hoaxer

Bernadette Duffy, aged 25, unemployed, of Knoll Road, Wandsworth, London, admitted at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court yesterday dishonestly using electricity when making a hoax telephone call to Scotland Yard about a bomb at a branch of Woolworth. She was given a three-month jail sentence, suspended.

Minister asked to look into computer dispute

From Our Correspondent
Dunfermline

Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is being asked by Mr Hunter, Labour MP for Dunfermline, to intervene in a dispute between the British Library Research and Development Department and the Scientific Documentation Centre at Dunfermline.

Mr Mulley is also being asked to chair a meeting to inquire into an alleged lack of objectivity and use of "secret referees" with no public accountability by the British Library department which disburses large sums on research grants annually.

Some years ago the centre suggested that the department was overselling Britain on the use of computers for information retrieval services. The centre maintained that its manual system was much cheaper and more efficient.

"It is now clear from Unesco's advice to governments that the centre's conclusions were correct and should have been heeded", Mr Hunter says. The British Library department had so obvious a commitment towards computers that resources to that department should be greatly reduced.

The concentration of power-controlling information retrieval research funds in the hands of one department has resulted in severe distortion of the development of a whole area of science.

"I think the Department of Education and Science should be equally concerned whether referees awarding grants are independent.

"United Kingdom Chemical Information Service, for instance, had remarkable success in obtaining grants of nearly £700,000 from four government departments and learned societies with little obvious justification from their technical achievements.

"It appears to be established that the British Library is allowing departures from objectivity in some of its scientific work. I refer to the Oxford evaluation and the rejection of the SDC's grant application on grounds now shown to be scientifically incorrect."

Law Commission proposal on broken contract

By Our Legal Correspondent

The legal consequences of a broken contract where one of the parties has already got some benefit from it is the subject of a Law Commission working paper published today.

Its provisional conclusion is that where a party breaking a contract has, before the breach, conferred a benefit on the other party he should be entitled to be paid for the benefit.

Where the full, or part of, the contract price has been paid by one party and the contract is breached after he has obtained some benefit from it, he should generally be entitled to the restitution of the money paid in excess of the value of the benefit conferred.

The Law Commission. Working paper 65. Pecuniary restitution on Breach of Contract (Stationery Office, 85p).

Arson is behind nearly half the serious fires

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

An investigation by the Fire Protection Association has disclosed that at least three serious fires out of every eight are started deliberately.

Commenting on the recent Home Office report on vandalism, the association said yesterday that the main targets for arson were warehouses, schools, shops, engineering works, farms and the textile industry.

In the 10 years from 1964, the number of serious fires started deliberately rose from 34, costing £1.4m, to 302, costing £24.1m, in 1973. The association foresees no improvement in the 1974 or 1975 figures.

Children are thought to have been responsible for many fires in industrial premises.

Drilling for new energy begins today

From Our Correspondent
Bodmin

Drilling is to start today in Cornwall on two 120ft deep holes to test whether hot rocks several milen down could really be a source of energy, as suggested in a recent report to Whitehall from the Energy Technological Support Unit at Harwell.

It will be under the direction of Dr Tony Batchelor, aged 28, a lecturer at Camborne School of Mines. The two holes, both five inches in diameter, are to be drilled through granite near the village of Troon.

Dr Batchelor said they would be seeking data about pressure loss, as "an important step towards establishing the engineering feasibility as distinct from the geological situation in obtaining energy in this way".

Judge asks for attendance of civil servant

Judge Lyons, QC, asked at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday for a principal officer from the Department of Health and Social Security in London to attend on December 15 to supply him with the name of a hospital to which a mentally affected prisoner could be sent.

Mr David Maddison, for the defence of Marian Suchodolski, aged 52, a native of Poland, has said that although four doctors have said he is eligible for a hospital order under section 60 of the Mental Health Act no hospital was prepared to take him because they considered their security inadequate. The secure hospitals would not take him because his condition was not serious enough.

Judge Lyons said he was not permitted to make a hospital order until a hospital was available. The defendant had stabbed two ment while suffering from a schizophrenic illness. He [the judge] was faced either with sentencing him to imprisonment, which he did not deserve, or allowing him to go free, a risk he could not take.

VAT fraud by accountant

An accountant at New Brighton, Merseyside, was jailed at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday for three years for a £112,121 value-added tax fraud. Peter Brian Stentiford, aged 30, of Albion Street, received concurrent sentences on six charges of obtaining the money by deception.

Judge Lyons, QC, made an order that the National Westminster Bank should restore to the Board of Customs and Excise £20,000 held in a suspense account.

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Sports foundation chairman resigns

By Diana Geddes

Mr Peter Cadbury, chairman of Westward Television, has resigned as chairman of the newly formed independent Sports Aid Foundation. He claimed yesterday that Mr Howell, Minister of State for Sport and Recreation, was using the foundation as "a political football" to boost his own prestige.

In a letter to Mr Howell announcing his resignation, Mr Cadbury said the minister had assured him that the foundation would have "the dignity and standing necessary to command the respect and confidence of both the worlds of industry and sport". But on the lines on which Mr Howell wishes it to develop it would achieve neither.

Mr Cadbury explained yesterday that he had expected to make his own appointments to the bord, "people of standing, integrity and dignity, such as the chairman of a joint-stock bank and the chairman of the Stock Exchange." But he was told that the minister had appointed three governors, people he had never heard of.

Mr Paul Zetter, chairman of the Zetter group, which includes the football pools, is vice-chairman. Other governors are Mr David Nations, water skiing coach to the British Water Ski Federation, Mr Anthony Stretton Smith, managing director of Charisma Records Ltd., and representatives of the British Olympic Association, the Sports Council and the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

Speaking from his home in Hampshire, where he was recovering after a fall from his horse, Mr Cadbury said he refused "to be the bladder in a political football being kicked around the field of sport with no referee". He hoped now to create some new, truly independent body.

Mr Howell was in Brussels yesterday and was not able to comment.

Law Report December 8 1975 Court of Appeal

Ex parte order for preservation of confidential documents

Anton Piller KG v Manufacturing Processes Ltd and Others.

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Ormrod and Lord Justice Shaw

Although no court in the land has power to issue a search warrant, a court may in an exceptional case on a plaintiff's ex parte application order a defendant to permit the plaintiff to enter his premises for the purpose of inspecting and removing documents where there is a real possibility that they may be destroyed or removed before any application inter partes can be made.

The Court of Appeal gave their reasons in open court for allowing in chambers on December 2 an appeal on an ex parte application by the plaintiffs, Anton Piller, KG, a limited partnership of Harz, West Germany, from the judgment of Mr Justice Brightman on November 26 refusing to order the defendants, Manufacturing Processes Ltd, of Hayes, Middlesex, Mr Bernard Preston Wallace, of Beaconsfield, and Mr Alfred Henry Stephen Baker, of Finchhampstead, Berkshire, to permit two authorized representatives of the plaintiffs to enter the defendants' Belvedere Works at Hayes for the purpose of (a) inspecting all documents relating to the design or manufacture of the plaintiffs' equipment and (b) removing all original documents relating to the manufacture or maintenance of the plaintiffs' equipment which the plaintiffs had supplied to the defendants.

Mr Justice Brightman had granted the plaintiffs an injunction restraining the defendants from, inter alia, infringing their copyrights in original circuit board drawings or using other than for the benefit of the plaintiffs any confidential information or documents supplied by them to the defendants, but had declined to make the further order sought.

Mr Hugh Laddie for the plaintiffs.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that during the last 18 months the judges of the Chancery Division had been making orders of a kind not known before. They had some resemblance to search warrants. Under those orders the plaintiff and his advisers were authorized to enter the defendant's premises so as to inspect papers—provided that the plaintiff gave his permission.

The judges had been making those orders on ex parte applications without prior notice to the defendant. None of those cases had been reported except one before Mr Justice Templeman last December, *EMI Ltd v Pandit* ([1975] 1 WLR 302). Mr Justice Brightman had refused to make such an order.

On appeal, Mr Laddie, who had appeared in a number of the cases and could claim the credit—or the responsibility—for them, had represented that it was in the interests of justice that the application should not be made public at the time that it was made. So the court had heard the application in camera last Tuesday.

It was obvious that such an order as was sought could only be justified in the most exceptional circumstances.

Pillers, German manufacturers of high repute, made electric motors and generators and supplied power units for computers. Since 1972 they had had, as their agents in the United Kingdom, the defendant company which was run by Mr B. P. Wallace and Mr A. H. S. Baker. The agents were dealers who obtained machines from Pillers in Germany and sold them to customers in England. Pillers supplied the English company with much confidential information about the machines, including a manual showing how they worked, and drawings which were the subject of copyright.

Very recently Pillers had found out—so they said—that the agents had been in secret communication with other German companies, Ferrostaal and Lechmotoren. The object of those communications was that the English company should supply the German companies with their drawings and other confidential materials and information so that they could manufacture power units like Pillers'.

Pillars got to know of that through two "defectors" if his Lordship could so call them. They were the commercial manager and the sales manager of the English company. The two were so upset by what was going on in the English company that, on their own initiative on October 2, 1975, one or both flew to Germany and told Pillars what they knew about the arrangement with Ferrostaal and Lechmotoren. They disclosed also that the English company was negotiating with Canadian and United States firms.

The disclosures, coming from "defectors" might have been considered suspicious; but they were supported by documents which emanated from Ferrostaal and Lechmotoren which showed that the English company was in regular communication with the German companies. They were sending drawings.

On getting that information Pillers were extremely worried. They were about to produce a new frequency converter called the "Silent Block". They feared that the English company, in cooperation with the German companies, would make a copy of it and ruin their market.

They determined to apply to the court for an injunction restraining the English company from infringing their copyright and using confidential information or assisting others to make copies of their machines. They were anxious, too, to see all the documents which the English company had in their possession about the machines. But they were fearful that if the English company were given notice of their application they would take steps to destroy the documents, or send them to Germany or elsewhere. Then there would be none in existence by the time that discovery was had in the action.

Mr Justice Brightman had granted an injunction but refused to order inspection and removal of documents. He said that there was strong prima facie evidence that the defendants were seeking to copy the plaintiffs' components for their own financial profit to the great detriment of the plaintiffs and in breach of their rights. But he said that the order sought should only be granted in an extreme case where the ends of justice would otherwise be almost certain to be frustrated: otherwise an order on the lines sought might become an instrument of oppression.

No court in the land had any power to issue a search warrant to enter a man's house to see if there were any papers or documents there which were of an incriminating character, whether libels or infringements of copyright; no constable or bailiff could knock at the door to demand entry to inspect papers or documents: see *Entick v Carrington* ((1765) 2 Wils 275). No one would wish to whittle down that principle in the slightest.

But the order sought was not a search warrant. It did not authorize the plaintiffs' solicitors or any one else to enter the defendants' premises against their will. It did not authorize the breaking down of any doors; or slipping in by a back door; or getting in by an open door or window. It only authorized entry and inspection of the premises of the defendant. The plaintiff must get the defendant's permission. But it brought pressure on the defendant to give permission. It did more. It actually ordered him to give permission, with, his Lordship supposed, the result that, if he did not give permission, he was guilty of contempt of court.

That might seem to be a search warrant in disguise. But it was fully considered by the House of Lords 150 years ago in *East India Co v Kynaston* ((1821) 3 Bligh 153), where Lord Redesdale emphasized that the order was "to permit", refusal of which would be contempt of court.

In what circumstances should such an order be made? It was a very strong thing to make such an order ex parte without giving the defendant notice. One or two old precedents did not go very far. It fell to the court to consider the matter on principle.

It seemed to his Lordship that such an order could be made by a judge ex parte, but it should only be made when it was essential that the plaintiff should have inspection so that justice could be done between the parties. And when there was a grave danger that vital evidence might be destroyed, that papers would become lost, or hidden, or taken beyond the jurisdiction so that the ends of justice would be defeated.

In the enforcement of the order the plaintiffs must act with due circumspection. The service of the papers should be attended by their solicitor, who was an officer of the court. The defendant should have an opportunity of consulting his own solicitor. If permission to enter the premises was refused, no force should be used. The refusal should be accepted and brought to the attention of the court. A defendant would refuse at his peril, not only of proceedings for contempt but of adverse inference being drawn against him.

The court had been told that in two cases the order had been effective, so the court was prepared to sanction it in an extreme case where there was grave danger of vital evidence being destroyed. On the evidence the court had decided last Tuesday that it had jurisdiction to make such an order and drew it up on the precedent framed by Mr Justice Templeman.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, agreeing, said that the order was at the extremity of the court's powers. Such orders would rarely be made and only when there was no alternative way of ensuring that justice was done to the applicant. There were three essential pre-conditions for making such an order. (1) There must be an extremely strong prima facie case. (2) The damage, potential or actual, must be very serious for the applicant. (3) There must be clear evidence that the defendants had in their possession incriminating documents or things, and that there was a real possibility that they might destroy such material before any application inter partes could be made.

Great responsibility rested on the solicitors for the applicant to ensure that the carrying out of such an order was meticulously and carefully done with the fullest respect for the defendant's rights. All the conditions were satisfied in the present case and the appeal should be allowed.

Lord Justice Shaw agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Collyer-Bristow & Co for Band, Hatton & Co, Coventry.

Counsel's statement in TV licence case

Congreve v Home Office

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Geoffrey Lloyd

Mr Roger Parker, QC, leading counsel for the Home Office in the television licence case, made a statement before a reconstituted Court of Appeal on the concluding paragraph of Lord Denning's judgment (*The Times*, December 5) and the leader headed "Not advocate's licence" in *The Times* the next day.

The relevant paragraph from Lord Denning's judgment reads: "I would only add this. In the course of his submissions, Mr Parker said at one point—and I made a note of it at the time—that if the court interferes in this case, it would not be long before the powers of the court would be called in question. We trust that this was not said seriously, but only as a piece of advocate's licence."

The appeal was by Mr Andrew Congreve, represented by Mr Gerald Levy, from the refusal of Mr Justice Phillips to grant him a declaration that the revocation of his colour television licence, issued on March 26, 1975, would be unlawful, invalid and of no effect.

Mr Parker said:

May I express my gratitude to your Lordships for reconstituting to hear me today and express my apologies for the inconvenience caused.

Had I had the slightest suspicion that the concluding remarks in the Master of the Rolls's judgment could have led to a leading article in *The Times* suggesting that the Home Secretary, or anyone in his department even, might have instructed me to threaten these courts I should have dealt with the matter at the conclusion of the judgments.

It is by reason of that leading article and the spate of comment in almost all the Sunday newspapers that I have felt it my plain duty to come before your Lordships and seek to make clear what the position is—in open court which, rightly or wrongly, I believe to be the only way in which it is proper for me to make explanations.

May I first make it plain beyond all doubt that neither the Home Secretary, nor anyone in his department, nor indeed anyone at all, instructed me or suggested to me that I should threaten these courts in any way, or indicated to me, directly or indirectly, that if your Lordships were to find against the Home Office the powers of the court would or might be curtailed. My observation, to which the Master of the Rolls referred in his judgment, was an observation made entirely on my own initiative, without prior consultation with or suggestion from anyone else.

It follows that if there is blame or criticism attaching to anyone it is blame and criticism attaching solely to myself.

My instructions were to argue, as I did throughout, from the opinion of the Home Secretary's legal advisers, that the actions of the Home Office were in accordance with the law and with the will of Parliament—no more and no less. That argument I pressed successfully before Mr Justice Phillips, but, regretfully, with a total lack of success before your Lordships.

In presenting that argument, your Lordships will remember that it was I and not my friend, Mr Levy, who cited the *Wednesbury* case ([1948] 1 KB 223) and *Padfield v Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food* ([1968] AC 997) and pointed out that their Lordships in the latter case had expressed the power of the courts to intervene in very wide terms—wider, I believe, than ever before.

Your Lordships will remember that I neither criticized nor sought to restrict the ambit of what had been said in *Padfield*; indeed, I adopted it and relied on it.

The submission I sought to make was simply that if the court intervened in the present case it would be going farther than *Padfield* and would be thwarting the will of Parliament—not of the executive—and that if this were to happen Parliament—and not the executive—might consider the exercise of such power. Had your Lordships accepted my argument as to the meaning, purpose and policy of the Act and Orders, the rest would, I believe, have followed. Your Lordships having rejected that argument, the rest did not arise.

I intended, as I need hardly say, to make no threat. If anything I said sounded like a threat I regret it and apologize to your Lordships for it. What I intended to do was merely to remind the court that just as it is a vital and valuable element in the constitution that the courts should intervene to keep the executive within the parliamentary will, so also is it vital that the courts should themselves act in accordance with the parliamentary will.

That I cannot have made my full submission clear to everyone is apparent not only from your Lordship's observations but also from the fact that my friend Mr Levy, in his reply, on the basis of his note, which he has been good enough to show me, referred to a "threat".

It may be remembered that at that point Lord Justice Roskill intervened to observe that perhaps my argument had not been fully and correctly represented. He then said that an important part of it had been left out. Mistakenly, alas, I believed then that it had been made plain that my observation—which I do not doubt was substantially accurately recorded in the note your Lordship referred to—was contingent upon your accepting my argument that what the licensees were trying to do was to thwart the will of Parliament and that it would be wrong for this court to assist anyone to thwart the will of Parliament.

On that basis I believe—and if I am wrong I apologize—that the observation was not unjustified for I do not believe that any member of this court or, indeed, an member of the judiciary woul suggest that it was right for th courts to thwart the will of Parliament. I am not talking, of course of the executive.

I have looked at various note of what was said and I am content not to go into them becau I believe it would serve no usef purpose. I simply say that if the was a "threat" I regret it. was not intended. And I wish t make it plain that no suggestio of any such matter had emanat from anyone in the Home Secr tary's department or any oth governmental department.

May I thank you for assembli to hear me. I can stand with wh fortitude I may that my own co duct has amounted almost, if n quite, to contempt of court. Th my clients should be the subje of unfounded suspicion and atta is something I felt it necessary correct, both immediately a publicly, in the only forum which I can do that. I hope th what I have said will succeed exonerating my client and preve further suggestions; and if I d wrong I apologize.

The Master of the Rolls: We have no doubt of what was sai I have my note exactly. But are very glad to have your e planation and your apology.

Crown says 'Godfather' tried to make dea

When the head of Scotland Yard's serious crimes squad and a man known as the Godfather met after his arrest the Godfather tried to make a deal, it was alleged at Norwich Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Mr James Crespi, for the prosecution, said Det Chief Supt Leonard Gillert saw Geoffrey Leonard Allen, aged 56, a property dealer, of Pulham Market, Diss, to ask him about a fire at Briggate Mill, a three-storey brick building severely damaged by fire in August. Mr Allen denied any interest in the mill. Mr Crespi said later that one of the defendants in the case had said Mr Allen was known as "the Godfather".

Counsel said Mr Allen was alleged to have said: "This stuff is peanuts. I do not mean that disrespectfully. I am a family man and I do not want to stand up in court and I do not want him to write anything down (indicating another police officer).

"I could put you on to big things, but I do not want to turn Queen's evidence. All I want is not to appear in court. I will get off the lot that you are trying to verbal me with and I do not want to have the agg vation of going to court.

"You have the better pa of the bargain; I can give y the lot, but I am not going do it if you charge me. T others are rubbish."

Mr Gillert told him: "So f as I am concerned you will charged and there is no deal

Mr Allen and eight others including his former wi appeared yesterday when t charges of conspiracy defraud two insurance co panies were being hea

In all 19 defendants face total of 36 charges.

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AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING
Bees Limited.
East Kent Packers Ltd.
Farmers and Contractors ([illegible]) Ltd.
Farming Land Ltd.
M. Haynes & Sons.
Highland Investment Co. Ltd.
Pig Development Ltd.
Stokes Bomford (Holdings) Ltd.
Wiltshire Farmers Ltd.

MINING AND QUARRYING
Bardon Hill Quarries Ltd.
Peter Bowie Ltd.
Foster Yeoman Ltd.
Allen Newport Ltd.
Alexander Russell Ltd.
W. Singleton Birch & Sons Ltd.
Wotton Bros. (Neath Quarries) Ltd.

FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO
Food
Adams Foods Limited.
Allinson Ltd.
Brake Bros. (Frozen Foods) Ltd.
H.H. Collins (Broadway) Ltd.
The Creamery Co. Ltd.
G.T. Colpitt & Son Ltd.
H.M. Doowra Ltd.
R.J. Fullwood & Bland Ltd.
Cyril Hanson Ltd.
H.D. Hardie & Co. Ltd.
The Humber Pickle Company Ltd.
M. & W. Mack Ltd.
Manchester Patent Ice and Cold Storage Co. Ltd.
Marchetti Brothers.
Murchies Creameries Ltd.
Stokes Bomford (Holdings) Ltd.
T F C Foods Ltd.
R. Torrance & Co. Ltd.
A. Wooley & Sons.
F. H. Wrigley Ltd.
Animal and Poultry Foods
James Duke & Son Ltd.
Drink
Amalgamated Distilled Products Ltd.
A.G. Barr & Co. Ltd.
G. Barraclough (Soft Drinks) Ltd.
Barton Distilling (Scotland) Limited.
Thomas Bernard & Co. Ltd.
Crystal Spring Ltd.
Dawson & Barfos Ltd.
Mandora Soft Drinks.
William Muir (Bond 9) Ltd.
J.P. Simpson & Co. (Alnwick) Ltd.
Tate-Smith Ltd.

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES
General Chemical Manufacture
Carless Capel & Leonard Ltd.
Arthur H. Cox & Co. Ltd.
Fothergill & Harvey Ltd.
Lake & Cruickshank Ltd.
Strathclyde Chemical Co. Ltd.
Ward Blenkinsop & Co. Ltd.
Pharmaceutical Chemicals
Approved Prescription Services Ltd.
Prebbles Ltd.
Radiol Chemicals Ltd.
Paint etc.
T.E. Johnson (Ashmoor) Ltd.
Langston-Jones & Samuel Smith Ltd.
Silver Paint & Lacquer Co. Ltd.
Soap, Detergents and Toilet Preparations
Industrial and Commercial Detergents Ltd.
Kolmar Cosmetics (England) Ltd.
The Talbex Group Ltd.
Fertilizers and Agricultural Chemicals
Lindsey & Kesteven Fertilisers Ltd.
H. & T. Proctor Ltd.
Stokes Bomford (Holdings) Ltd.
Other Chemical Industries
Granwood Holdings Ltd.
Frank Horsell & Company Ltd.
Induseal Developments Ltd.
Industrial Adhesives Ltd.
Johnson & Bloy Ltd.
Douglas Kane Group Ltd.
John Meerton (Holdings) Ltd.
Sovereign Chemicals (Lancashire) Ltd.
Thomas Thomson Sons & Co. (Barrhead) Ltd.
George Waterston & Sons Ltd.

METAL MANUFACTURE
H.B. Barnard & Sons Ltd.
Draycast Foundries Ltd.
Dudley Foundry Co. Ltd.
F.P. Castings Ltd.
Fowler & Holden (Grimsby) Ltd.
David Matthews Ltd.
The Meadow Foundry Co. Ltd.
The North British Steel Group Ltd.
Pratt, Levick & Co. Ltd.
Renshaw (Staines) Ltd.
Thomas Seager Ltd.
Shalltane Limited.
Matthew Swain Ltd.
Swinney Brothers Ltd.
Turners (Eyre Street) Ltd.
G.L. Willan Ltd.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Agricultural Machinery and Engineering
H. Beare & Sons Ltd.
R.S. Bird Ltd.
Frederick H. Burgess Ltd.
H. Burlingham & Co. Ltd.
Croft & Blackburn Ltd.
R.J. Fullwood & Bland Ltd.
Gordon Johnson-Stephens (Holdings) Ltd.
S. & F. Green Ltd.
Management Aviation Ltd.
George Taylor & Sons (Accessories) Ltd.
Turner Engineering Co. (Coughton) Limited.
Machine Tools and Metal Working Machinery
Abrasive Specialities Ltd.
B.G.O. Ltd.
Betabite Hydraulics Limited.
Bristol Tool & Gauge Co. Ltd.
Centrajet Ltd.
Stuart Davis Ltd.
Desford Machine Tools Ltd.
Fine-Blanking (Shoreham) Ltd.
Leytool Ltd.
Marwin (Holdings) Ltd.
Maydown Engineering Ltd.
Pattinson Bros. Ltd.
Prototype Tooling (Kent) Ltd.
Ryford Ltd.
Snyder Ltd.
Toolmasters Ltd.
Pumps, Valves, Compressors and Hydraulic Equipment
Stuart Davis Ltd.
Enots Ltd.
Fluidrive Engineering Co. Ltd.
Gilbert Gilkes & Gordon Ltd.
Megator Pumps & Compressors Ltd.
R.G.S. Electro-Pneumatics Ltd.
Sacol Group Ltd.
Spenklin Ltd.
Walters Engineering Ltd.
Williams & James (Engineers) Ltd.
Filters and Filtration Equipment
Johnson-Progress Ltd.
Productivity Improvements Ltd.
Swinney Brothers Ltd.
Gears and Gearboxes
Hindle Auto Products Ltd.
Hygate Gears Ltd.
Torkmatic Ltd.
Textile Machinery and Accessories
Frederick Greenwood & Sons (Holdings) Ltd.
Wm. R. Stewart & Sons (Hacklemakers) Ltd.
Construction and Earth-moving Equipment
A.C.E. Machinery (Holdings) Ltd.
Bawtry Plant & Spares Co. Ltd.
James Bowen & Sons Ltd.
Richard Smalley (Engineering) Ltd.
Mechanical Handling Equipment
A.C.E. Machinery (Holdings) Ltd.
BBA Group Ltd.
Brockway Engineering Co. Ltd.
W.W. Brown & Partners Ltd.
Conveyor Improvements (Doncaster) Ltd.
Kilner Vacuumation Co. Ltd.
Malcott Belting Co. Ltd.
Newport Forge and Engineering Ltd.
Oakland Elevators Ltd.
Pengco Transport Systems Limited.
Walters Engineering Ltd.
Heating, Ventilating, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Equipment
Biddle Holdings Ltd.
The Bloxwich Lock and Stamping Co. Ltd.
Boyd & Co. (Metal Workers) Ltd.
Carter Thermal Industries Ltd.
Magnetronics Ltd.
Perfectair Holdings Limited.
Plastic Constructions Ltd.
Product Automation & Control Ltd.
R.C. Troldahl Ltd.
Turner & Co. (Glasgow) Ltd.
Ventaire (Hull) Ltd.
Ventilation Equipment & Conditioning Ltd.
Other Machinery
W.G. Allen & Sons (Tipton) Ltd.
Cunnington & Cooper Ltd.
The Davis Wayne Company Ltd.
E.M. Tool Co. Ltd.
Emerson & Renwick Ltd.
Enots Ltd.
Fine-Blanking (Shoreham) Ltd.
Goodwin Engineering Ltd.
Independent Machine Co. Ltd./Baby-Relax Ltd.
Kigass Ltd. (Incorporating E. Bartle Eng. Ltd.)
Liquid Control Ltd.
Plasmec Ltd.
Product Automation & Control Ltd.
Edward Pryor & Son Ltd.
Swinney Brothers Ltd.
Tooling & Equipment Engineers (Manufacturers) Ltd.
G.P. Worsley & Co. Ltd.
Industrial (including process) Plant and Steelwork
A.C.E. Machinery (Holdings) Ltd.
W.G. Allen & Sons (Tipton) Ltd.
Arthur Engineering (Bathgate) Ltd.
Avonmouth Engineering Co. Ltd.
Henry Barrett & Sons Ltd.
Beca (Engineers) Ltd.
Blackburn Starling & Co. Ltd.
Camill Engineering Company Ltd.
Cheshire Steel Fabricators Ltd.
Dewplan (W.T.) Ltd.
Express Welding Ltd.
Ferguson Bros. (Johnstone) Ltd.
Robert Fraser & Sons Ltd.
Greenfield & Payne Ltd.
William Hare Ltd.
Hughes & Ellison Ltd.
Robert Jenkins (Holdings) Ltd.
Mermac Pipe Services Ltd.
Modern Tube Developments Ltd.
Monteith Building Services Ltd.
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Newport Forge and Engineering Ltd.
Perfectair Holdings Limited.
Leonard Smith (Engineers) Ltd.
([illegible] Limited)
[illegible] (Holdings) Ltd.
Vicrod & Vitbolts Ltd.
Wilson Pipe Fittings Ltd.
Precision Engineering
Automatic Spooling Co. Ltd.
B.G.O. Ltd.
Marcroft Hodges & Sons (Engineers) Ltd.
Lapma Engineering Ltd.
The Moulden Co. Ltd.
Needle Industries Ltd.
Other Mechanical Engineering
Alexandra Engineering Co.
Betabite Hydraulics Limited.
James Bodie & Sons Ltd.
British Syphon Industries Ltd.
Thomas Broadbent & Sons Ltd.
Samuel Buckley & Co. Ltd.
Camill Engineering Company Ltd.
Cardiff Doors Ltd.
Detamont Machinery Ltd.
C.F. Doyle Ltd.
Ferguson Bros. (Johnstone) Ltd.
Fowler & Holden (Grimsby) Ltd.
Fraser-Nash Limited.
G. & E. Engineering Ltd.
John R. George Ltd.
Fred Gilbert (Cardiff) Ltd.
Greenfield & Payne Ltd.
H.N. Electrical Supplies Ltd. (Rochelle Group of Cos.)
Richard Hayes Investments Ltd.
Thomas Homer & Son Ltd.
Johnson-Progress Ltd.
London Graving Dock Co. Ltd.
Lupatic Ltd.
Magog Engineering Ltd.
Albert Marsh & Co. Ltd.
C.S. Martin Holdings Ltd.
The Meadow Foundry Co. Ltd.
Megator Pumps & Compressors Ltd.
R. Meacham & Son Ltd.
The Minster Engineering Company Ltd.
Mitchell Somers Ltd./Walter Somers Ltd.
John Parker & Son Ltd.
Petroleum Equipment Co. Ltd.
H.C. Pretty & Son Ltd.
Ross Auto-Engineering Ltd.
The Sheppee Motor and Engineering Co. Ltd.
Herman Smith Ltd.
Spencer & Sons (Market Harborough) Ltd.
Sturrock & Murray Ltd.
Tay Lyn Engineering Co. Ltd.
Turner & Co. (Glasgow) Ltd.
Walters Engineering Ltd.
G.P. Worsley & Co. Ltd.

INSTRUMENT ENGINEERING
Photographic and Document Copying Equipment
De Vere (Kensington) Ltd.
Durst (U.K.) Ltd.
John Hadland (Photographic Instrumentation) Ltd.
Medical Instruments and Equipment (including Spectacles etc.)
Butterworths (Edinburgh) Ltd.
Cindex Holdings Ltd.
Edward Doherty & Sons Ltd.
Keeler Holdings Ltd.
Mercury Electronics (Scotland) Ltd.
Needle Industries Ltd.
Phillips Optical Co. (Liverpool) Ltd.
Prebbles Ltd.
Scientific Optics Ltd.
T.E.M. Engineering Ltd.
S. & H.C. Taylor Ltd.
R.B. Wilson Dental Laboratory Ltd.
Scientific and Industrial Instruments and Systems
Abbey Craftsmen Ltd.
Beamonic Instrument Co. Ltd.
Butterworths (Edinburgh) Ltd.
C.I. Electronics Ltd.
Carbolite Co. Ltd.
Datron Electronics Ltd.
Dymar Electronics Ltd.
Educational Measurements Ltd.
Findlay, Irvine Ltd.
Instem Ltd.
Keeler Holdings Ltd.
Land Pyrometers Ltd.
Metals Research Ltd.
Negretti and Zambra Ltd.
Radun (Controls) Ltd.
Sacol Group Ltd.
Southern Instruments Holdings Ltd.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Electrical Machinery and Equipment
The Atkinson Electrical and Engineering Co. Ltd.
Blackburn Starling & Co. Ltd.
Cardiff Electrical Repairs Ltd.
Dawson-Keith Limited.
Disco & Supaflex Drives Ltd.
Erma Ltd.
Fraser & MacDonald (Electric Motors) Ltd.
H.N. Electrical Supplies Ltd. (Rochelle Group of Cos.)
Lamina Dielectrics Ltd.
Modern Tube Developments Ltd.
Saunders Electronics Ltd.
Trident Equipment Ltd.
Tufnol Industries Ltd./Tufnol Ltd.
Jack Westropp Ltd.
Williams & James (Engineers) Ltd.
Communications Apparatus and Equipment
Cable Link (Accessories) Ltd.
Dymar Electronics Ltd.
Multitone Electric Co. Ltd.
Radio and Electronic Components
Allen Bennett Ltd.
Bent (Electronics) Ltd.
Osborne Electronics (I.W.) Ltd.
Saunders Electronics Ltd.
Electronic Computers
Data Laboratories Ltd.
Intercole Systems Ltd.
Kode Ltd.
Radio, Radar and Electronic Capital Goods
Electrosonic Ltd.
K.E.P. Electronics Ltd.
K. & N. Electronics Ltd.
Lander Alarm Co. (Scotland) Ltd.
Morris, Warden & Co. Ltd.
Multitone Electric Co. Ltd.
Telemotive U.K. Ltd.
Twentieth Century Electronics Limited.
Electrical Contractors and Engineers
Diesel & Battery Services (Liverpool) Ltd.
London Graving Dock Co. Ltd.
William McGeoch & Co. Ltd.
Ross Auto Engineering Ltd.
Sturrock & Murray Ltd.
Templeton Bros. (Kilmarnock) Ltd.
Frank Vowles Ltd.
Other Electrical Goods and Equipment
Alomex Lighting (Northern) Ltd.
The Atkinson Electrical and Engineering Co. Ltd.
Autogrow Ltd.
Bingley, Son & Follit Ltd.
Car Battery Service of Liverpool Ltd.
Prototype Tooling (Kent) Ltd.
Sheerfab Ltd.
Tyneside Accessories (Batteries) Ltd.
Willsher & Quick Ltd.

SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE ENGINEERING
F. Bamford & Co. Ltd.
Richard Hayes Investments Ltd.
Kemp Masts Ltd.
London Graving Dock Co. Ltd.
Sea Sure Ltd.
Simpson-Lawrence Ltd.
Westerley Marine Construction Ltd.

VEHICLES
Motor Vehicles, Trailers, Coachbuilders and Other Transport Equipment
Booker Motor Bodies Group Ltd.
B. Dixon-Bate Ltd.
Pengco Transport Systems Limited.
Ross Auto Engineering Ltd.
Archibald Scott Ltd.
L. Stephenson (Coach Builders) Ltd.
York Trailer Co. Ltd.
Components and Accessories
The Bloxwich Lock and Stamping Co. Ltd.
Brake Linings Ltd.
Clancey (Holdings) Ltd.
Eddie Dow Ltd.
Raydyot Ltd.
George Taylor & Sons (Accessories) Ltd.
Aerospace Equipment Manufacturing and Repairing
J.S. Chinn & Co. Ltd.
Kigass Ltd. (Incorporating E. Bartle Eng. Ltd.)
Management Aviation Ltd.

METAL GOODS, not elsewhere specified.
Engineers' Small Tools and Gauges, and Hand Tools and Implements
Automatics Tooling Co. Ltd.
Barkley Plastics Ltd.
Burgon & Ball Ltd.
Chesham Precision Tools Ltd.
Joseph Fearnehough & Sons Ltd.
W. Fearnehough Ltd.
J.J. Harvey (Manchester) Ltd.
Leytool Ltd.
D.G. Mortimer & Co. Ltd.
Nuby Ltd.
Plasmec Ltd.
Sawbridge & Hughes Ltd.
Shirley Tools and Engineering Ltd.
Thomas Smith & Sons of Saltley Ltd.
Spring Steel Productions Ltd.
Thomson, Shepherd & Co. Ltd.
Tooling & Equipment Engineers (Manufacturers) Ltd.
Wm. Ward & Son (Sheffield) Ltd.
West Riding Tool Co. Ltd.
G.L. Willan Ltd.
Cans, Metal Boxes and Wirework
Alloy Wire Co. Ltd.
Blade Supermarket Equipment Ltd.
Darlington, Kenyon & Scott Ltd.
Metalitho Ltd.
Stainless Steel Wire Co. Ltd.
Matthew Swain Ltd.
Wilmotts Ltd./Wilmotts (Investments) Ltd.
Jewellery, Precious Metals and Cutlery
R. Platnauer Ltd.
Ratners (Jewellers) Ltd.
Turners (Eyre Street) Ltd.
C.J. Vander Ltd.
Metal Finishing
Ideal Casements (Reading) Ltd.
Liver Plating Co. Ltd.
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John H. Mason Ltd.
Metalitho Ltd.
Montgomery Plating Co. Ltd.
A.T. Poeton & Son Ltd.
Sheet Metal Work, Pressings etc.
A.M.B. (Pressings) Ltd.
B. Allsop Ltd.
J.S. Chinn & Co. Ltd.
Edmond Metal Works Ltd.
Frederick Greenwood & Sons (Holdings) Ltd.
Leytool Ltd.
Plasmec Ltd.
Press Components Co. Ltd.
Rockingham Plate Ltd.
Rolls Sheet Metal Works Ltd.
Herman Smith Ltd.
Sunbury Metal Pressings Ltd.
Young Engineering Ltd.
Architectural and Domestic Hardware
Albenn Windows Ltd.
Armac Manufacturing (Brassfounders) Ltd.
William Barrett Ltd.
Bassett & Findley Ltd.
Cardale Doors Ltd.
Dryad Metal Works Ltd.
Gardiner-Aluminium Ltd.
Ideal Casements (Reading) Ltd.
Trident Fencing Ltd.
Duncan Tucker Ltd.
Drop Forgers
The Bloxwich Lock and Stamping Co. Ltd.
T.G. Lilleyman & Sons Ltd.
Thomas Smith & Sons of Saltley Ltd.
Other Metal Industries
G.S. Baigent & A.D. Bird (Stainless Steels) Ltd.
The Bloxwich Lock and Stamping Co. Ltd.
F.C. Brown (Steel Equipment) Ltd.
J.S. Chinn & Co. Ltd.
John T. Clarke & Son Ltd.
Clyde Fasteners Ltd.
Colibri Lighters Ltd.
James Cooke & Son Ltd.
James Cotterell & Sons Ltd.
Cranes Screw (Holdings) Ltd.
F.T. Davis (Kings Langley) Ltd.
Dexam International (Holdings) Ltd.
B. Dixon-Bate Ltd.
Edward Doherty & Sons Ltd.
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Helvetia Automatic Products Ltd.
Douglas Kane Group Ltd.
Kemp Masts Ltd.
Arnold Kinnings & Sons Ltd.
Kentform Ltd.
Magnetic Shields Ltd.
Mitchell Somers Ltd./Walter Somers Ltd.
Moresecure Ltd.
Morris-Vulcan Ltd.
The National Standard Company Ltd.
Needle Industries Ltd.
Plascut Ltd.
Screw & Rivet Co. Ltd.
Spring Steel Productions Ltd.
Steel Equipment Co. Ltd.
The Steel Nut & Joseph Hampton Ltd.
Tappex Thread Inserts Ltd.
The Tilley Lamp Co. Ltd.
The Wade Spring & Upholstery Co. Ltd.
Whoway Watson Ltd.
Wye Products and Machine Design Ltd.

TEXTILES
Production of Cotton, Linen, Silk, Man-made Fibres, etc.
Thomas Carr Ltd.
Fothergill & Harvey Ltd.
Gammill, Alexander Ltd.
John Haggas Ltd.
North Vale Doubling Co. Ltd.
Allen Priest & Sons Ltd.
Stephen Walters & Sons Ltd.
Woollen and Worsted
Carter & Parker Ltd.
Robert Glew Wool Industries Ltd.
John Haggas Ltd.
Yorkshire Combers Ltd.
Hosiery and Other Knitted Goods
Corgi Hosiery Ltd.
Cox, Moore & Co. Ltd.
Holden and Browns Ltd.
A. MacDougall & Company Ltd.
Kenneth Marvin Ltd.
Pool, Lorrimer & Tabberer Ltd.
Rouquinet Dorey Ltd.
Peter Scott & Co. Ltd.
Textured Jersey Ltd.
Tudsbury Ltd.
Carpets
Abingdon Carpets Ltd.
Brockway Carpets (Sales) Ltd./Brockway Carpets Ltd.
Thomas Carr Ltd.
Heckmondwike Carpets Ltd.
G.H. Norton & Co. Ltd.
Thomson, Shepherd & Co. Ltd.
Made-up Textiles
Aldenglen Manufacturing Co. Ltd.
B. Allsop Ltd.
Black and Edgington Ltd.
Bowker & Budd Ltd.
Cochrane & Gibbs Ltd.
Firmin & Co. (Holdings) Ltd.
W.J. Leech & Sons (Tarpaulins) Ltd.
Andrew Mitchell & Co. Ltd.
Thomas Thomson Sons & Co. (Barrhead) Ltd.
Textile Finishing
The Ayrshire Yarn Dyeing Co. Ltd.
Cochrane & Gibbs Ltd.
Northern Quilting Co. Ltd.
Shrigley Dyers Ltd.
Thomas Thomson Sons & Co. (Barrhead) Ltd.
The Walsden Printing Company Ltd.
Stephen Walters & Sons Ltd.
Other Textile Industries
Armitage & Rhodes Ltd.
BBA Group Ltd.
Danfold Ltd.
Donald Brothers Ltd.
Emeralda Ltd.
William Holley & Sons Ltd.
A.W. Hewetson Ltd.
Kagan Textiles Ltd.
G.H. Norton & Co. Ltd.
Readson Ltd.
Rouquinet Dorey Ltd.
Joseph Steinfeld Co. Ltd.
Thomson, Shepherd & Co. Ltd.
Leather, Leather Goods and Furs
The Barrhead Kid Co. Ltd.
The Carr Tanning Co. Ltd.
T.E. & J. Conder Ltd.
Edward Doherty & Sons Ltd.
Thomas Homer & Son Ltd.
Kilsby Leather Ltd.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR
Outerwear
Corgi Hosiery Ltd.
Emeralda Ltd.
Falmer International Ltd.
Gannson Ltd.
Helene of London Ltd.
Kagan Textiles Ltd.
Ladies Pride Outerwear Ltd.
Marathon (Launceston) Ltd.
Kenneth Marvin Ltd.
H.S. Simon Ltd.
Other Clothing
Aldenglen Manufacturing Co. Ltd.
Croydon Asbestos Co. Ltd.
S. & L. Deyong Ltd.
W. Karp & Sons (Holdings) Ltd.
John Michael (Savile Row) Ltd.
Michaelsons Ltd.
Snowman Ltd.
Western Gloves (Manufacturing) Ltd.
Footwear
Bartley Industries Limited
George H. Bull Ltd.
Chatterbox Shoes Ltd.
Church & Co. Ltd.
Florida Shoe Factory (Norwich) Ltd.
Portland Shoes Ltd.

BRICKS, POTTERY, GLASS, CEMENT, ETC.
Bricks, Fireclay and Refractory Goods
Blockleys Ltd.
Carbolite Co. Ltd.
Jacksons (Warwickshire) Brickworks Ltd.
Sibond Ltd.
T.E. Wolley Ltd.
Samuel Wilkinson & Sons Ltd.
Williamson Cliff Ltd.
Pottery
Hornsea Pottery Company Ltd.
Biltons Tableware Ltd.
Govancroft Potteries Ltd.
Spode Ltd.
Taylor & Kent Ltd.
Glass
The English Glass Co. Ltd.
Glastics Ltd.
Pearce and Cutler Ltd.
Reflectnell-Perry Ltd.
Scientific Optics Ltd.
Abrasives and Building Materials, etc., not elsewhere specified
A. Andrews & Sons (Marbles & Tiles) Ltd.
Atlas Stone Co. Ltd.
Bardon Hill Quarries Ltd.
Celcon Ltd.
Crendon Concrete Co. Ltd.
The Lea Manufacturing Company of England Ltd.
Moulded Concrete Ltd.
Allen Newport Ltd.
Pwllheli Granite Company Ltd.
W. Singleton Birch & Sons Ltd.
Stepney Contractors Ltd.
Toffolo, Jackson & Co. Ltd.
Duncan Tucker Ltd.

TIMBER, FURNITURE, ETC.
Sawmilling, Joinery, Buildings, etc.
Camill Joinery Company Ltd.
Clifford Sawmills Ltd.
Joseph Elgey Ltd.
Foster Holdings (Rainford) Ltd.
W.F. Holloway & Bro. Ltd.
R.E. Ingham & Company Ltd.
Jennings (Bristol) Ltd.
Market Harborough Joinery Co. Ltd.
Morris & Spottiswood Ltd.
Premier Construction Co. Ltd.
G.E. Robinson and Co. Ltd.
Thomas Weatherald Ltd.
James Webster & Bro. Ltd.
S. Wernick & Sons (Holdings) Ltd.
Young & Partner (Industries) Ltd.
Furniture, Upholstery, Bedding, etc.
[illegible] Holdings Ltd.
Antocks Lairn Ltd.
A. Arenson Ltd.
Armac Manufacturing (Brassfounders) Ltd.
William Barrett Ltd.
Christie-Tyler Ltd.
Eric Cross of Bourne Ltd.
Foster Holdings (Rainford) Ltd.
W.E. Harker Ltd.
Hunter & Smallpage Ltd.
Independent Machine Co. Ltd./Baby-Relax Ltd.
Marmet Ltd.
M.J. Moylan Ltd.
[illegible] & Co. Ltd.
S. & L. Nathan Ltd.
[illegible] Ltd.
Duncan Tucker Ltd.
R. Tyzack Ltd.
The Wade Spring & Upholstery Co. Ltd.
Shop and Office Fittings, etc.
A.M.S. (Pressings) Ltd.
Bassett & Findley Ltd.
Blade Supermarket Equipment Ltd.
Church & Co. (Fittings) Ltd.
Cray Industrial Ltd.
Cockade Ltd.
Keith Evans Ltd.
Kenton Display Studio Ltd.
Sales Achievement Ltd.
[illegible] Shopfitters Ltd.
Slough Displays Ltd.
Miscellaneous Wood and Cork Manufactures including Wooden Containers.
H. Burbidge & Son Ltd.
Edward Doherty & Sons Ltd.
Joseph Gardner & Sons (Holdings) Ltd.
Horticultural Containers Ltd.
Hower Bros. Ltd.
Lady Clare Ltd.
[illegible] Ltd.
Parker Timber Co. Ltd.
[illegible] Ltd.

PAPER, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING
Paper and Board Manufacture
Atlas Lace Paper Co. Ltd.
A.J. Bamjey Ltd.
The British Paper Co. Ltd.
Daler Board Company Ltd.
Grom and Robinson Ltd.
Phoenix Packaging Ltd.
Westbrook (Liverpool) Ltd.
Packaging Products of Paper, Board and Associated Materials
Bayliss, Ormerod & Co. Ltd.
Birmingham Box Co. Ltd.
[illegible] Holdings Ltd.
Nomad Box Co. Ltd.
F. Oakley & Son
Printabox (Scotland) Ltd.
Seddon Packaging & Print Limited.
The Trenton Box Co. Ltd.
Phillip Ziege & Sons Ltd.
Other Manufacturers of Paper and Board
Atlas Lace Paper Co. Ltd.
L.S. Dixon Group Ltd.
J. Evershed & Co. (Bow) Ltd.
Hunt & Broadhurst Ltd.
Sefton and Danvard Ltd.
Tollit & Harvey Ltd.
George Waterston & Sons Ltd.
Printing and Publishing of Newspapers, Periodicals and Books
Allco Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd.
J. Andrew & Co. Ltd.
Celtic Educational Services Ltd.
Haymarket Publishing Group Ltd.
Peter Press Ltd.
Sell's Publications Limited.
Websters Publications Ltd.
Wood Westworth & Co. Ltd.
Other Printing, Publishing, Bookbinding, Engraving, etc.
Allco Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd.
J.W. Arrowsmith Ltd.
Barnicotts Ltd.
Joseph Eates Ltd.
Borough Press (Wiltshire) Ltd.
Buckland Press Ltd.
[illegible] Press Ltd.
W.S. Cowell Ltd.
Geoffrey Dams & Lock Ltd.
G.C.M. Print & Packaging Service Ltd.
Gait Boyle's Rotary Ltd.
[illegible] Ltd.
David Green (Printers) Ltd.
Hammett & Company (Taunton) Ltd.
M. Harland & Son Ltd.
W. Heffer & Sons Ltd.
Hunter & Foulis Ltd.
Kenton Display Studio Ltd.
Kings Town Engraving Company Ltd.
L.T.S.S. Printers Supply Service Ltd.
Linegraph Ltd.
R.B. MacMillan Ltd.
Mawdsley Reed Ltd.
Midland Photo Litho Co. Limited.
Orley & Son (Windsor) Ltd.
P.F.C. (Business Forms) Ltd.
Print Processes Ltd.
Pontardawe Press Ltd.
Peter Press Ltd.
Queensway Press Ltd.
Ronart Print Ltd.
W.R. Royle & Son Ltd.
Schofield & Sims Ltd.
V. Siviter Smith & Co. Ltd.
Joseph Steinfeld Co. Ltd.
Surrey Fine Art Press Ltd.
Swift (Printing & Duplicating) Ltd.
The Telford Press Ltd.
Tollit & Harvey Ltd.
James Townsend & Sons Ltd.
The Trenton Box Co. Ltd.
Typesetting Services Ltd.
George Waterston & Sons Ltd.
Wood Westworth & Co. Ltd.

OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
Rubber
John T. Clarke & Son Ltd.
The Moseley Rubber Co. Ltd.
Pneumatic Rubber Stamp Co. Ltd.
South Wales India Rubber Co. Ltd.
Sutcliffe Engineering Holdings Ltd.
Vacu-Lug Traction Tyres Ltd.
Wilford (Plastics) Ltd.
Containers and Packaging of Plastic Materials
Bayliss, Ormerod & Co. Ltd.
Flextank Ltd.
Other Plastic Products
Barkley Plastics Ltd.
H. Burbidge & Son Ltd.
Channel Plastics Ltd.
Candy Ltd.
S.A. Collard Ltd.
Cranes Screw (Holdings) Ltd.
Edward Doherty & Sons Ltd.
Formatrend Ltd.
Foster Holdings (Rainford) Ltd.
J.J. Harvey (Manchester) Ltd.
Hydralon Ltd.
Independent Machine Co. Ltd./Baby-Relax Ltd.
Lynester Products Ltd.
M.G.S. (Plastics) Ltd.
Andrew Mitchell & Co. Ltd.
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WEST EUROPE

Moluccan gunmen free children after Indonesian diplomat agrees to hear their grievances

From Robert Fisk
Amsterdam, Dec 8

The South Moluccan gunmen holding over 20 people hostage in the Indonesian Consulate in Amsterdam tonight released the remaining four children, a girl of 13 and three boys aged about 12, after being assured that a meeting was to take place between a representative of the Moluccan community in Holland and a senior Indonesian diplomat from The Hague.

The children were led from the building in the light of police arc lamps, watched from the darkness by Dutch Marine marksmen, and taken to a narrow terraced house a few yards away to be examined by police doctors. They left the consulate in the company of the Rev Semual Metiari, the Moluccan Protestant clergyman who has been acting as an intermediary and who has been an almost daily visitor to the building.

It is Mr Metiari who will meet Mr Soerjadi, the Indonesian political counsellor, at 2 pm tomorrow. This meeting has been one of the principal demands made by the terrorists both in Amsterdam and on the hijacked train at Beilen in north Holland where gunmen are holding another 30 or so captives. The Dutch hope that the release of the children and the meeting may promise an end to both sieges.

This afternoon, Mr Metiari had taken a typewritten letter to the Moluccan guerrillas at the consulate from Dutch Justice Ministry officials. The document, the first written communication between the Government and the terrorists, listed conditions under which the Indonesians were prepared to allow Mr Soerjadi to meet Mr Metiari.

Wearing a long black coat and scarf, Mr Metiari spent half an hour talking to the gunmen, then returned to the police with a handwritten request from one of the terrorists for "clarification" of the first letter. His next visit brought the children's release.

But Indonesia is unlikely to promise many concessions to the Moluccans. Indeed, at about the same time as Mr Metiari was driving to the consulate for the first time, Dutch radio broadcast a report that Mr Malik, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, wanted to remind Moluccans in Holland that they had families and friends in Indonesia.

Referring to the Indonesian hostages, Mr Malik was quoted as saying that it would be "a shame" if there were repercussions in his country against the Moluccans. According to the radio, he also said that this should not be interpreted as an attempt to put pressure on the Moluccans. It is, of course, almost certain that just such an interpretation will be placed upon the statement.

Confronted by growing anger towards the authorities from the Moluccans here, the Committee of the South Moluccan Community in Holland—of which both Mr Metiari and Dr Manusama, the self-styled president of the Moluccan Republic, are members—has issued a statement which, while formally regretting the murder of the three civilians on the hijacked train last week, supports the actions and agrees with the motives of the Moluccan guerrillas.

Dissociating himself from the statement, Dr Manusama made an appeal to the two groups of terrorists on radio and television, calling on them to free their captives and surrender.

The mediator: The Rev Semual Metiary returns with a handwritten request

Mr Mason gives pledge to Nato on defence cuts

From Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent
Brussels, Dec 8

At a press conference in Brussels tonight, Mr Roy Mason, the Defence Secretary, pledged Britain to consult its Nato allies on any defence cuts. He spoke before leaving to attend a Cabinet session in London tomorrow. The defence budget is thought to occupy a prominent place on the Cabinet agenda.

Mr Mason dismissed press speculation that the cuts would total £1,300m between 1977 and 1980; but he admitted that pressure on other Whitehall spending departments, as Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, tightened the nation's communal belt, meant that the Ministry of Defence would be expected to take its share.

None of the defence ministers present at today's meeting of the Nato Eurogroup of 10 nations brought up the subject of Britain's defence budget. However, Mr Mason's abrupt departure for London, which entailed leaving early from a Eurogroup dinner, was of obvious significance.

His place at tomorrow's meeting of the defence planning committee will be taken by Sir John Killick, Britain's permanent representative on the Nato Council. The Defence Secretary will return to Brussels tomorrow night in time for the committee's closing session on Wednesday.

Mr Mason confirmed at tonight's press conference that France had made a "favourable response" to the Eurogroup's invitation to join a new independent body to coordinate arms procurement in Europe.

This afternoon's meeting spent much of the time discussing further details of the new organization—called the Independent Programme Group (IPG)—and these will be communicated to the French Government through diplomatic channels with the Belgians, it is believed, acting as intermediaries.

If the French are still agreeable, a first meeting could be arranged in a European capital "favourable" to France early in the new year. The level at which the meeting would be held and the kind of secretariat needed to serve it would depend on French reaction.

50 arrests at Madrid cemetery

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Dec 8

A large police force today prevented demonstrators from laying wreaths on the tomb of Pablo Iglesias, the founder of the Spanish Socialist Party, on the fifteenth anniversary of his death. About 50 people were arrested.

For the second day police, estimated at 1,200 uniformed men and 250 secret police in plain clothes, were out to show that no criticism of the regime will be tolerated.

About 50 police on horseback surrounded the cemetery of La Almudeña, in the working class district of Ventas. Water cannon were parked by a wall and policemen with submachine guns took up positions along the roads, making random checks of cars. A helicopter hovered above

The cemetery gates were locked in spite of today being the holiday of the Immaculate Conception. A mile away, at the bullring, police reinforcements waited in cars and buses.

Several hundred demonstrators marched through a street in the centre of Madrid, chanting: "Socialism and freedom". They dragged benches into the roadway to block traffic. The police made a baton charge. At least one injured was taken to police headquarters.

Nearer the cemetery a group of youths, believed to be Guerrillas of Christ the King, an extreme right-wing organization, attacked a man. The police intervened, but an eye witness alleged that they had further thumped the man on the ground.

The Socialist Party issued a statement later condemning the police action at the cemetery. It said that some people who had managed to reach it were "violently repulsed".

Socialist delegations from Holland, Italy and the International Labour Organization also attended the demonstration. The police confiscated the passports of the Dutch delegation and that of Mr William Chislett, a correspondent of *The Times*, when he walked past the cemetery gates.

The police disclosed today that they had arrested 100 people at the demonstration outside Carabanchel prison yesterday, who were calling for a full amnesty. The police said that the protest had been inspired by the communists.

Señor Joaquin Ruiz Jiménez, a Christian Democrat leader and lawyer for Señor Marcellino Camacho, the political prisoner released a week ago and rearrested yesterday, sent a telegram to King Juan Carlos asking for his client's release. He said Señor Camacho had been arrested near his house, at least a mile away from the prison, while he was buying a newspaper.

Señor Arias Navarro, confirmed by the King as Prime Minister on Friday, is expected to announce his new Cabinet by the end of the week.

One man, tipped for a Cabinet post, is Lieutenant-General Manuel Diez Alegria, former Chief of the General Staff. He said today in an interview in *La Vanguardia*: "I fervently hope that I will not be appointed to hold a high post in the Government". But he would not refuse a post if it was necessary.

The general is known for his liberal views. He said the King must be given time to examine the problems facing the country.

Fears in EEC that Britain will delay pollution curbs

From David Cross
Brussels, Dec 8

EEC member governments were tonight searching for a way out of the deadlock caused by Britain's refusal to accept new Community plans to reduce pollution in lakes, rivers and coastal waters.

At a meeting of ministers responsible for environment policy, the Dutch and the West Germans quickly made it clear that they objected strongly to a new formula which would accommodate the British position.

The British are insisting that the main approach to pollution control should be through environmental quality objectives; the rest of the Community would prefer a system of uniform emission standards, with a "black list" of highly toxic pollutants.

The new formula, worked out by the European Commission in recent weeks, suggests that the Nine should be allowed to choose quality objectives, provided they could prove that these were as effective in reducing pollution. This has upset the Dutch, in particular, who are worried that the West Germans may choose quality objectives rather than uniform discharge standards and continue to pollute the Rhine.

Today both the Dutch and the West Germans argued that an agreement to allow the two different systems could delay the introduction of new pollution controls. This view was based on the feeling that, if the British encountered difficulties in proving that quality objectives were as effective as uniform emission standards, the rest of the Community might not be able to press ahead with its present timetable for working out specific limits for pollutants.

The British have opposed uniform minimum standards principally because of regional differences within the Community. They would prefer a case-by-case assessment of what the water can absorb

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Pope speaks of 'mantle of purity on Earth'

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Dec 8

The Pope called today for "a new holiness of life and a new fervour of love" to mark the tenth anniversary of the closing of the second Vatican council.

He recited a prayer which he had composed himself to the Virgin Mary for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, which falls today. When he gave his midday blessing to a crowd in St Peter's square, the Pope was in an unusually confiding mood.

He said that during the ceremony in the morning "we daydreamed about how beautiful it would be if the immaculate Mother would spread over Rome and also over all the earth a white, very pure, splendid mantle of snow, that is of her purity, innocence and beauty".

The reference was to a visit to the basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, which was built, according to pious legend, on the site which Mary indicated by making snow fall there in August.

June date set for Giscard visit

Paris, Dec 8.—President and Mme Giscard d'Estaing will pay a state visit to Britain from June 22 to 25 at the invitation of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, it was announced by the Elysée Palace today. It will be the first visit by a French President since that of General de Gaulle in April, 1960.

The announcement of the state visit coincides with the arrival in Paris today of Sir Nicholas Henderson, the new British Ambassador.

Opening shot in farm price tussle

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Dec 8

With only a few days to go before the European Commission unveils its farm price proposals for the 1975-1976 marketing year, the EEC's farmers have fired an opening salvo in their annual tussle with Brussels by calling for an average 10.6 per cent increase in guaranteed agricultural prices.

The EEC farmers' organization, Copa, calculates that an increase of this order is required to ensure that farmers' incomes remain broadly in line with those outside agriculture.

A 10 per cent rise in the minimum price paid to farmers would not cause consumer prices to rise on average by more than 0.6 per cent, Copa estimates. It points out that only 70 per cent of agricultural production falls within the terms of the farm price review and that food only accounts for some 20 per cent of household expenses.

Although the European Commission does not dispute these calculations, the proposals which Mr Pierre Lardinois, the Commissioner for Agriculture, will announce later this week are expected to limit rises in the prices to farmers to an average of between 6 per cent and 7 per cent.

Politically, the most explosive element in Mr Lardinois's package, which will receive its first examination by EEC agricultural ministers next week, is a proposal that dairy farmers should get no price increase at all next spring. They may qualify for more money in the autumn, but only if the surplus on the dairy market has been reduced.

To balance the low price rises it is offering farmers, the Commission is expected to announce various subsidies

It is also expected that the Commission will propose that Britain should be allowed to maintain the variable beef regime which was an important part of the renegotiation package secured earlier this year.

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Europe's farmers support EEC suit against Italy

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Dec 8

European farmers' leaders have sided with the European Commission in a legal suit against the Italian Government for allegedly breaching the EEC's farm trade rules.

Last month, the Commission opened legal proceedings against the Italians over a new olive oil import deal with Tunisia. It suspects the Italians of having agreed to import 20,000 tons of oil without its authorization. Under EEC rules, the Commission is responsible for concluding agricultural deals of this kind with non-member countries.

In a letter addressed to Mr Pierre Lardinois, the Commissioner for Agriculture, Sir Henry Plumb, the president of the Community's farming organization, Copa, says he has learnt "with consternation" of the deal. At a time when the Community already has a surplus of olive oil, any new imports are bound to create additional problems for Italian and French producers, the letter adds.

The Italians, who successfully secured restrictions on imports of olive oil earlier in the year to protect their own producers, are well aware of the difficulties likely to be created by the Tunisian deal. But they maintain the agreement was forced upon them by Tunisia's moves to ban Italian fishermen from its territorial waters.

The Commission's decision to take legal action against the Italians coincided with a move to take the French Government to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg for another alleged infringement of the EEC's free trade rules.

Ironically, the Commission's case against the French has been strongly backed by the Italians,

OVERSEAS

Mr Ford's doctrine for the Pacific offers a gesture of conciliation

From Fred Emery
Washington, Dec 8

President Ford returned to Washington amid snow flurries early today having proclaimed on his way home from Asia a new Pacific doctrine of "peace with all and hostility toward none". He also hinted that he might try travelling to the Middle East next year.

The hint dropped at a news conference on board his airliner, is subject to revision. The President is under strong political pressure, attacks from adversaries and advice from his own men, to try to bolster his fading reelection chances with action at home.

On television, Mr Ford's journey was seen like the second expedition to the moon: a great yawn. Only Mrs Ford's great charm in joining Chinese ballet students in a dance provided any relief.

Mr Ford said on his airliner that it had been "mandatory" for him to make the journey as only he, at the presidential level, could carry out high-level talks. That is manifestly inaccurate, however worthwhile it may be for the chiefs to meet each other.

A reserved reception is being accorded the new doctrine which Mr Ford expounded in a speech at the East-West Centre in Hawaii. Some in the American press today treated it as a warmed-over version of the so-cold Nixon doctrine.

Unlike the Nixon doctrine of encouraging self-help for those who would defend themselves, the emphasis in Mr Ford's remarks was more on the need for conciliation. It even opened the door slightly towards "constructive ways of easing tensions" in Korea, although insisting implicitly that any Washington-Pyongyang relationship had to include Seoul.

The speech was also the first time Mr Ford has sought to bring United States Asian policy into a coherent form since the near-hysteria of imagining no one would ever trust the United States again after the Communist conquest of Indo-China. For the benefit both of regional leaders, and for his Republican right-wing critics, he said that the United States has a "vital stake in Asia".

He spoke of new and old countries on the Pacific Ocean's shores "creating the greatest of civilizations, but he spoke first of security. All must reach beyond security, he said, but without it there could be no peace, nor stability. He listed the six premises of his doctrine:

1. America's strength. Force alone was insufficient to ensure security. "Popular legitimacy and social justice are vital prerequisites of resistance against subversion or aggression", he said. The United States would continue a position of balanced strength throughout the Pacific, however.
2. Partnership with Japan. The industrial democracies, including Japan, had begun to develop better means for harmonizing economic policies and shaping a more equitable approach to "north-south" economic relationships.
3. Normal relations with China. There were differing perceptions, but also common ground. "We reaffirmed that we share very important areas of concern and agreement", he said. "They say and we say that the countries of Asia should be free to develop in a world where there is mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity. We share opposition to any form of hegemony in Asia or in any other part of the world."

Mr Ford restated his determination "to complete the normalization of relations with Peking" but without mentioning the one incongruity: the Nationalist Government on Taiwan.

4. A continuing stake in South-East Asia, with special reference to the Philippines and to Indonesia, "one of our new friends".
5. The resolution of outstanding conflicts. It was here that Mr Ford made his gesture on Korea and gave a nod to the communist countries of Indo-China. He said he was prepared to reciprocate gestures of good will. If countries exhibited restraint towards their neighbours, the United States would "look to the future rather than the past".
6. A structure of economic cooperation. He did not mention those already in existence but emphasized that United States trade with East Asia exceeded its transactions with the European Community.

As if to summarize his report to the nation on Asia, Mr Ford called for continuing military assistance to those allies that wished it. The political significance far surpassed the small costs involved, he said. To every leader he met, Mr Ford added, "I pledged that, as President, I will continue America's active concern for Asia."

Israeli troops faced with a barrier of burning tyres when they moved into Nablus yesterday to stop demonstrations against the illegal settlement at Sebastia.

Jews withdrawn from illegal settlement

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Dec 8

An uneasy compromise today temporarily extricated the Israel Government from its dilemma over the illegal Jewish settlement near Nablus in the West Bank. But it has left the religious settlers in angry dispute and the surrounding Arabs restive.

The canvas tents and prefabricated synagogue built at Sebastia, a Roman town built over the former capital of an ancient Israelite kingdom, will be dismantled and most of the 1,500 men, women and children settlers will disperse to their homes. A nucleus of 30 families will stay in Samaria in the safety of an Israel army camp.

The settlers have been told that their request to stay in the area will be reviewed

This morning, before the decision was known, there were demonstrations in Nablus against Jewish settlement on Arab land. Security forces fired shots in the air and used water cannon to break up crowds of protesting high school students.

Arab leaders are unhappy with the compromise. They see it as a parallel with what happened in Hebron on the southern West Bank four years ago when, after forbidding Jews to settle in the town, the previous Government gave them shelter in the military government compound. It later expropriated land for them to build the separate town of Kiryat Arba, which stands encircled with wire and needs an army unit to guard it.

The parallel is even closer. The man who led the Kiryat Arba campaign, Rabbi Moche Levinger, resigned as leader of the settlement barely a week ago to lead the settlers at Sebastia.

For eight years, while settlement has been pushed ahead rapidly south of Jerusalem near Hebron and Bethlehem, in the north it has been forbidden. This was in the hope of achieving a settlement with Jordan based on the return of Samaria—except for the need to keep Israel troops along the river—but with the retention of large areas of Judea by Israel.

It i unlikely that Jordan would have agreed to such a proposal, but the question has become academic with the ascendancy of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which regards a return to the 1967 borders as its minimum demand.

Beirut Muslims drive into strategic Jewish quarter

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by the so-called Mourabitoun, a well equipped, Palestinian guerrilla-supported private army of Nasserite leanings.

Attacking behind a barrage of mortar and rocket fire, the Mourabitoun guerrillas rapidly captured two blocks of the now deserted Kantari-Clemenceau residential area. Most of this territory had come under their control during the earlier assault a month ago.

Among the buildings to be hit today was the Associated Press office, in which *The Times* maintains its office. Raiders set fire to the oil storage tank in the basement.

This initial charge was followed up by a second attack on the coast which drove the rightist Christians out of the St George Hotel and advanced the Muslim front further east towards the port area. Another force of Muslim militiamen pressed forward in the Wadi Abu Jamil area in which the Jewish community is centred.

Traditionally the Jewish community has been protected by the Phalangists, but in the last "hotel war" both the Phalangists and the Muslims with their Palestinian supporters, ensured the community's safety. As it stands, the Wadi Abu Jamil area is one of the most strategic districts in the battle for control of the sector.

Philhellenes' convention off after sponsorship refusal

A "Univeral Convention of Philhellenes" which was due to open in Athens next week with the aim of bringing together the descendants of the Philhellenes who helped in the Greek War of Indpendenc, was postponed indefinitely after the Government's refusal to sponsor it.

The convention was being organized by the "Patriotic Association of Descendants of the 1821 heroes and Historical Families of Greece".

Invitations sent out by the association claimed that the meeting was under the auspices of the Greek Minister of Culture and Science. According to officials, this was untrue. The minister was unaware of the meeting.

In the past the association organized several visits to Greece for the descendants of British and French Philhellenes, especially during the dictatorship. The ruling junta had then used the gatherings to imply approval from such distinguished foreigners. At one point the sponsor association proclaimed one of the junta leaders its honorary president.

The list of British guests for this month's convention, published by the association, included the Countess of Loudoun (as a descendant of Captain Hastings), Mr Church (a descendant of General Church),

Protests traded over cod war incident

Reykjavik, Dec 8.—Britain and Iceland exchanged protests today over the clash on Saturday between naval vessels in the disputed fishing waters off Iceland.

Mr Kenneth East, the British Ambassador, delivered a Note to the Foreign Ministry, saying that the crew of the Icelandic patrol boat Thor had partially uncovered a gun during a high-speed chase with the British frigate Brighton. Britain regarded this as a very serious challenge, a ministry official said.

Mr Petur Thorsteinsson, a senior official at the Foreign Ministry, repeated today an earlier verbal protest alleging dangerous manoeuvring by British support ships and deliberate attempts at ramming.—Reuter.

Poles seek more openings to West

Warsaw, Dec 8.—Increased openings to the West as well as continued friendship with the Soviet Union were promised by Mr Edward Gierek, the party leader, in his opening address to the Polish Communist Party conference today.

Mr Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet party chief, and the party leaders of Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria were among 1,811 delegates who listened in the Palace of Culture to Mr Gierek's declaration

The two main targets for the next five years, he said, were a "dynamic increase" in the number and quality of consumer goods, including foodstuffs, and swift development of exports.

Outlining the direction of national economic policy, he said that further development of economic cooperation with the Soviet Union, "our most important partner", was essential.

He promised cooperation with Comecon, the East European trading and industrial alliance, and then added: "We shall also utilize the possibilities of expanding commodity exchange as well as industrial, scientific and technical cooperation with capitalist states."

Western economic experts envisaged the capitalist nations becoming even bigger recipients of Polish goods, continuing the trade drive with capitalist countries which has marked Poland's recent economic efforts.

Mr Gierek's pledge to continue links with the West comes at a time when détente is under pressure because of alleged large-scale Soviet intervention in Angola and an impasse in the United States-Soviet strategic arms limitation talks (Salt).

Anylysts said it was possible Mr Brezhnev might clarify the Soviet stand on Salt when he addresses the congress.

On internal affairs, Mr Gierek said the past five years had been "the most fruitful five-year period in the 30-year history" of communist Poland.

He acknowledged problems in the provision of some foodstuffs. "Market deliveries of certain articles, particularly meat, still encountered difficulties. We see these difficulties. We regard the overcoming of them as one of the most important goals of our policy."

One of the reasons for the shortfall was "an unprecedented increase in food consumption". This was largely due to a price freeze on basic foodstuffs applied after riots five years ago. However, Mr Gierek hinted strongly that the freeze could not go on much longer.

During the congress Mr Gierek was expected to call for a conference of World Communist Parties after a European communist summit due to be held early next year in East Berlin.—UPI and Reuter.

New York state seeks budget cuts

From Patrick Brogan
New York, Dec 8

This is the week in which everything is meant to come together for both New York City and state. The city has been on the brink of default for months, and has nearly gone over the edge

Congress has now promised the money and may actually provide it; the deficit in the state budget is going to disappear; the pension funds and the banks are going to bail out the city again; and even the various state agencies may be saved from default.

Mr Hugh Carey, the Governor of New York, has been juggling all these balls in the air ever since the crisis got under way last summer, and has every reason to hope that he can still do so. It will be a near thing, however.

Conservatives in Congress are putting up a last ditch fight against helping the profligate city with the $2,300m (£1,150m) loan President Ford reluctantly decided to offer it. They may carry the fight past the next deadline for bond holders, on Thursday, when bonds worth $437m are due.

The banks will doubtless find the money, if they are sure that Congress will guarantee the loan. The state of New York has also recently passed a law permitting the city to offer bond holders a new set of bonds when they demand cash. By thus postponing payment, this week's horrendous debt would be reduced to a manageable interest payment of $37m.

Some bond holders dislike the idea, and are challenging the law in the courts on the ground that the Constitution enshrines a special protection for contracts, such as one between the city of New York and people and institutions who buy its bonds.

Today's crisis, however, concerns the state. Mr Carey is introducing a series of cuts in the state budget, to eliminate its $700m deficit and to save four state agencies which would otherwise default. Cuts in spending are always painful, and increases in taxation are even more disagreeable.

Only six months ago the governor gave up an attempt to increase state tax rates to deal with the pending deficit. The situation is much more serious now, and the whole elaborate package which is intended to save New York City depends upon the state balancing its budget.

So the governor has called an emergency meeting of the Finance Control Board today to approve his proposed cuts, and will then submit it to an unenthusiastic state legislature in Albany tomorrow. That body will not be pleased by the fact that at the same time it will have to find money to save the Housing Finance Authority, the Environment Facilities Corporation, the Medical Care Facilities Financing Agency and the Dormitory Authority.

These are the state agencies nearest default. The more money is spent on them, the larger will be the state budget deficit, the higher the taxes to be raised and the more other expenditure will have to be cut, to balance the budget.

India tightens up control of the press

Delhi, Dec 8.—The India Government tonight tighten its control of the press wi legislation banning publicatio of anti-Government report limiting coverage of Parliamer and abolishing the Press Cou cil.

Three ordinances signed b President Fakhruddin A Ahmed were issued. Two com into force immediately.

The texts of the ordinance were not immediately availabl but press sources said thei intent appeared to be to fo malize censorship, impos when India was placed und a state of internal emergen on June 26.

The new decrees take a ste further the Government's dec sion early in the emergency t restructure the Indian pres and to merge the country's fou news agencies into a single agency.

The abolition of the Press Council ended the nine-year-old experiment in solving press problems.—Reuter.

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VERSEAS

retilin troops retreat into the hills s pro-Jakarta groups set rival administration in Dili

Dec 8.—A provi- pro-Indonesian adminis- has been set up in Dili, ral of East Timor, after its over by pro-Jakarta forces orted by Indonesian troops. Adam Malik, the Indonesian Minister, announced stance by the leftist tionary Front for East (Fretilin) had collapsed was being run by a including the Apodeti which favours union with nesia, and "their friends", aid.

ndonesia regards Portu- sovereignty rights over Timor as terminated since ilin proclaimed indepen- on November 28", Mr told the press. He Lisbon's decision to sever relations nesia and said he was the Portuguese Consul in Jakarta to leave the about casualties the fighting between Indonesian troops and the Fretilin forces he avoided giving a direct answer, but he did say that the Fretilin leaders and soldiers who stayed in Dili "have surrendered and they are taken care of".

Informed sources here said Fretilin troops had retreated before the pro-Indonesians to the hills south of Dili. They are reported to have stored food and ammunition to enable them to continue a guerrilla war against the pro-Indonesian troops.

The Jakarta reports of calm in Dili contrasted with reports from Darwin, which quoted monitored radio messages to the International Red Cross as indicating that there were further casualties today. An unidentified radio operator sent four messages appealing for help from both the Red Cross and the Australian Government.

Earlier today, Mr Warwick Neilly, a spokesman for the Campaign for the Independence of East Timor, quoted a radio message from a Fretilin leader, Mr Nicolau Lobato, now based in the town of Alieu, south of Dili.

The message read in part: "Paratroopers from more than eight aircraft killing mainly Chinese people. Indonesian forces do not respect life. Forces now marching into mountains. Need urgent help for evacuees."

According to Portuguese statistics there are about 2,000 Chinese residents in Dili and about 12,000 throughout the territory.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

New York, Dec 8.—Calling for an urgent meeting of the Security Council, Portugal said Indonesia's intervention constituted an act of aggression which prevented Portugal from completing the decolonization process in the territory through peaceful and negotiated means.

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New Laos assembly to decide on election

From Bruce Palling
Vientiane, Dec 8

A convoy of vehicles with petrol and other products has crossed into Laso from North Vietnam to supply Vientiane, according to Mr Sisana Sisane, the Laotian Minister of Information.

Vientiane has nearly exhausted its reserves of petrol and food supplies have been drastically curtained since Thailand closed the border with the Vientiane province three weeks ago after an exchange of gunfire across the Mekong river in a dispute about border demarcation.

In his first press conference since the People's Democratic Republic of Laos was formed last Wednesday, Mr Sisana said that Thailand would reopen the border in the near future. Until then the supplies brought by the convoy would satisfy the needs of Vientiane, which has a population of about 180,000.

Referring to last week's takeover of control by the procommunist Pathet Lao, Mr Sisana spoke of the role of the newly formed People'a Supreme Assembly of 45 members, which is headed by President Prince Souphanouvong.

He said the assembly would work out a new constitution, change the country's laws to conform with the new republic and decide on the form and date of a national election, which had been earlier scheduled for next April.

There has been speculation about the new republic shifting its capital from Vientiane to north-east Laos, somewhere near the Plain of Jars. Mr Sisana said the new Government has not discussed this yet and until then it will remain in Vientiane.

He denied Western reports that an Indo-Chinese federation would soon be formed between North Vietnam, South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Such rumours, he said, were spread by the enemies of the Indo-Chinese peoples.

The minister welcomed reports from the United States State Department that America wished to maintain friendly relations with Laos. He repeated that they must be based on independence, sovereignty, mutual interests and no interference in each other's affairs.

He accused certain American institutions of supplying money to former Meo hill tribe soldiers allegedly organized by the Central Intelligence Agency, who fled into neighbouring Thailand after last May.

Mr Sisana also accused the United States of flying reconnaissance aircraft over Laotian territory from American air bases in Thailand. Referring to the number of Laotian and hill tribe people who fled into Thailand since the Pathet Lao gained control of the former coalition Government last May

The people who fled to Thailand did not understand the new political situation in Laos and were frightened that Laos was being run by "nasty communists", he said.

A rally is to be held tomorrow at the national stadium in Vientiane to celebrate the new republic. Several thousand villagers and residents of Vientiane are expected to attend. Tomorrow has been declared a national holiday.

ournalists Sydney rike over oll 'bias'

m Michael Leapman
ney, Dec 8

ournalists employed by Mr ert Murdoch's newspapers Sydney voted tonight to ke until Wednesday in pro- against the papers' alleged against the Labour Party the Australian elections. three newspapers lved — *The Australian*, the *ly Mirror* and *The Sydney ly Telegraph*—will be pro- ed by senior executives the strike is over.

statement by the journa- ts spoke of "repeated and tinuing bias against the bour Party in News Ltd newspers". News Ltd is owned Mr Murdoch, who also owns *e Sun* and the *News of the orld* in London.

The move comes as a climax weeks of growing discontent the journalists about the y Mr Murdoch's papers have orted the election. Mr ugh Whitlam, the Labour- der, has made frequent cks against the press as a le, and the Murdoch press particular, for what he sees lanted reporting.

Mr Murdoch, whose news- ers supported Mr Whitlam 1972, has denied the rges. He admits that his ers support Mr Malcolm- ser's Liberal-Country Party ition editorially, but denies partisan motives in the ction of news.

t is rare for journalists and nters to take industrial ion to signify discontent at eir newspapers' editorial actices. Mr Simon Galvin, e edtior of *The Sydney Daily legraph*, told me tonight that e newspaper would be appear- g as usual until the strike s over, and that all editorial ties would be handled by six cutives. "It will be a higher ndard than usual", he said.

At *The Australian*, a copy told me that nobody in hority was available, cause they were all in the nposing room putting the ishing touches to the paper."

Peronist rule at risk as army power grows

From Jane Monahan
Buenos Aires, Dec 8

President Isabel Perón's Government has authorised the armed forces to extend anti-guerrilla operations to the factories, where Peronist support has always been strongest.

At the same time, according to *La Mayoria*, a Peronist newspaper, Señor José Lopez Rega, the controversial right-wing former private secretary to the President, who is despised by the majority of Peronist politicians, is to return to Argentina on Thursday.

The two announcements heighten the contradictions of Argentina's situation. The growth in military control has resulted in serious clashes between the civilian authorities and the armed forces.

Now, with the imminent prospect of troubles with the powerful trade unions and of troops beginning operations in factories, the point of a civilian government continuing in power (and especially one which calls itself Peronist and therefore populist) is increasingly undermined.

For different reasons the growth in anti-guerrilla operations is exacerbating contradictions in the Army. Total military control has for long been avoided by commanders, including General Jorge Videla, the Army Commander in Chief, on the ground that it is preferable that Peronism, the armed forces' principal rival for 30 years, should fall by its own mistakes.

Sources close to this military group argue that if there were a coup, the armed forces would have to take on the responsibility of government as well as the anti-guerrilla war. Moreover, every important political group, including the Peronists, would join in opposing the military.

But while these "dovish" considerations have carried weight during the past few months, the present situation favours the "hawks", those generals who are pressing for an explicit right-wing coup.

There is also a growing realization by right-wing forces that the Government's economic policy, which bases recovery on increasing the profit margin for industry and increasing the exports of landowners, may not be implemented without breaking the strength of the Peronist trade unions and without putting several small and medium-sized industries out of business.

The present economic policy is said to require the tough hand of a military government, since the Administration so far has acted half-heartedly

Against this background the announcement of Señor López Rega's return may also represent a victory for the "hawks."

Delhi-Dacca cooperation

From Kuldip Nayar
Delhi, Dec 8

India and Bangladesh intend to create a prop"proper climate" for better understanding and cooperation, according to a joint statement issued today after talks between representatives

The initiative for the talks came from President Sayam of Bangladesh, after the attack on the Indian High Commissioner in Cadda and an anti-Indian campaign by extremists. During the three days of meetings, Bangladesh has said taht it wants to "maintain and strengthen" traditional ties of friendship and cooperation with India.

The Dacca representatives reaffirmed Bangladesh's policy of "Ensuring the enjoyment of equal rights by all its people, irrespective of caste, creed or religion". India has reaffirmed its desire for a peaceful border and a stable, strong and prosperous Bangladesh.

There was a cordial atmosphere, the statement added, and the talks were businesslike with no formal agenda. It is understood that the events in Bangladesh after Shaikh Mujibur Rahman's killing on August 15 were discussed.

Var seen as certain if Rhodesia talks fail

Our Diplomatic
rrespondent

f the negotiations between Ian Smith, the Prime nister, and Mr Joshua omo, leader of a faction of African National Council, a constitutional settlement Rhodesia should fail, the nsequence will be war.

This warning was given by David Ennals, Minister of ite at the Foreign Office, on return to London yesterday er talks in Zambia and Tan- ia with President Kaunda d President Nyerere and etings with leaders of both tions of the African National uncil.

'From these meetings I am re than ever convinced that e is running out for peaceful gotiations", Mr Ennals's tement said. "None of the ders I spoke to want a war liberation. All of them are n of peace who prefer nego- tion to armed conflict and believe in a peaceful future in Rhodesia for people of all races. They made it clear to me that they want the Europeans to stay.

"All of them—including Mr Nkomo—left me in no doubt that if negotiations fail it will be war, and that they are totally committed to the defeat of the illegal regime. Europeans in Rhodesia should be under no illusions. Preparations for military action are already being made. Several thousands are under training and more are joining every day."

Dar es Salaam, Dec 8.—The health of Dr Edson Sithole, the ANC publicity secretary, said to have been detained by Rhodesian security police, is deteriorating after a two-month hunger strike, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, also of the ANC, said here.

Dr Sithole disappeared on October 15 along with his secretary, Miss Miriam Nhlanga.

Dr Kaunda tells Zambians to tighten their belts

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, Dec 8

President Kaunda has called on Zambians to tighten their belts to avert the effects of the country's ailing economy brought about by the fall in the price of copper.

He told more than 500 delegates of the ruling party's National Council in Lusaka today that the people should know "the hard economic situation and its adverse effects on the cost of living and unemployment".

He added: "Do not emphasize the importance of loans. We have enough people financially and morally wrecked by the crushing weight of loans."

Dr Kaunda reiterated his warning that Zambia was not a rich country and that there was a danger of over-dependence on copper for development.

"Now the crisis is here. We cannot sit down and moan over the misfortunes of our economic situation which, as I have said already, is a problem confronting the whole world."

He told the policy-making National Council that Zambia had not yet gone through the darkest period of its difficulties and "things could be worse for us before they became better".

Zambians would have to do without many things the absence of which would make life no worse than it was now. They must forgo some things they would like to enjoy and "have those we actually need".

Zambia has paid a staggering 100m kwaches (£75m) for imports, most of which are stuck up at various ports and may not reach the country.

The Zambian Government is to obtain the equivalent of 19 million Special Drawing Rights (about £9.8m) in currencies and $19m (£8.5m) from the International Monetary Fund.

leavy cyclone amage in ustralian city

Port Hedland, Dec 8.— ndreds of people were evac- red from their homes when pical cyclone Joan devastat- this coastal city in Western istralia today.

Mr Richard Langley, an iergency service controller, d: "We estimate that 85 r cent of the city has been maged. It was worse than we ought it would be. Roofs are everywhere."

He said no deaths or injuries d been reported.

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Churches' call to end Angola intervention

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Dec 8

In some of the most intense debates in the present assembly which has been meeting here since November 23, the World Council of Churches (WCC) today called on all parties in the Middle East to cease military activity and terrorism. It gave a warning that a continuation of the present foreign military involvement in Angola could lead to a major war in Africa.

There was an air of urgency in today's debates, indicating the deep concern of delegates at the two areas of conflict. The Armenian Archbishop in Lebanon, Mgr Sarkissian, successfully moved that the Middle East resolution should specifically express concern at the "tragic situations" in Lebanon and Cyprus.

The assembly's declaration on the Middle East called for an arms embargo and said the basis for a peaceful settlement consisted of Israel's withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967; the right of states to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries; and the fulfilment of the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

The Sinai disengagement agreement must be followed soon by a resumption of the Geneva peace conference for a total settlement, the assembly added. It believed the churches could help to promote mutual trust.

A related statement on Jerusalem suggested international guarantees for the holy places there.

The resolution on Angola condemned South Africa's intervention, which it said had seriously reduced prospects of a peaceful solution. The assembly was told that South Africa had been specifically singled out because its intervention by regular troops had created a special situation.

On the danger of a major war in Africa, the WCC deplored all foreign intervention in Angola and called for the withdrawal of all military units and the halting of supplies of arms.

It appealed to all churches and Christians to challenge those foreign powers which are exacerbating this "explosive situation" by supplying arms to the different groups, and to call on them instead to support moves for a solution through the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations.

Another subject today was the Helsinki agreement, which the assembly urged all governments concerned to fulfil without delay. It added: "The churches have the responsibility to be involved whenever it is necessary to make clear that security and the development of genuinely human relationships across frontiers go together."

This debate produced an unexpected confrontation between Western and Eastern delegates when a Swiss Protestant Church delegate proposed the addition of a clause concerning the restriction of religious liberty in the Soviet Union.

This brought strenuous protests from Metropolitan Nikodim of Leningrad, one of the newly-elected presidents of the world council, and another Russian Orthodox delegate, that it was unnecessary.

SPORT

Rugby Union

Cambridge just need to be themselves

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Provided the weather is kind—and the forecast is not a forbidding one—Cambridge should win today's university rugby match at Twickenham (kick-off 2.15 pm) in style, and by a handsome margin. I say this knowing full well that the history of the contest is scattered with examples of the favourite landing flat on their faces, and that more often than not, when form has been turned upside down, Cambridge have found themselves on the receiving end.

It remains broadly true that Oxford, especially their forwards, rarely fail on the day to play at least to their capacity, and sometimes rise above it. On the other hand, some of the more vaunted Cambridge sides, failing miserably to justify their reputation, have reduced their older supporters to near-apoplexy.

On paper, at least, the Cambridge backs, as a unit, are considerably faster and more skilful than those of Oxford. That does not mean that Oxford are not capable of knocking them over, but I cannot believe they will manage to do so all afternoon.

The Cambridge back division, which is fast, came unstuck against Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV not just because their forwards were whacked in the loose, but because for the first time this term they were confronted by players, like Gibson and Davies, who were every bit as quick as they were. It has been a different story against some of their celebrated club opponents. Cambridge have run rings round sides like Bedford, Gloucester and Northampton in spite of reduced rations from the set pieces.

It is significant and welcome evidence of their relaxed, old-fashioned approach, that almost half of their 70 tries have been run by their wings. O'Callaghan, the All Black on the right flank, has scored 18. Wood has got 13. Here is one specific area wherein Cambridge must hold a distinct advantage. Another should be at full back, where Hignell must be anxious, as he did last year, to exploit his talent as a runner, but is he really fit? And a third, most crucially perhaps, lies at half back, where in Lewis and Wordsworth they have a partnership of genuine class that ought to control their destiny.

Strong, competitive and possessed of a rounded service, Lewis has an instinctive feel for the game and can be relied upon to define the right point of attack from loose possession. Wordsworth may concentrate for a start on swift distribution and a vital straightening of his line but ought, as the contest develops, to find some openings for himself.

I doubt if there will be much in it in the tight, but Cambridge can hardly expect Edlmann, their prime source of possession at the lineout, to win as much ball as he managed, against the odds, to do last year. Donald MacDonald and Davis should give Oxford an edge here. But Cambridge will not want to use the touchline too much, and they may well resort to shortened lines.

Only events will reveal which pack has the greater urge and strength in the loose. Oxford must be hoping for an important contribution from their Springbok international, Dugald MacDonald, at No 8. Cambridge, however, have confidence in a loose trio of whom Stewart, from Vancouver, may well be the first man to lead a side in the university match (except when it all started in 1897) without having played in it before. That could be one precedent. Another might be the appearance of the first replacement to win his Blue.

Oxford have a good pair of centres, both of them England under-23 players, in Kent and Bryan. If they can set him up, Kent's strength and pace is quite capable of breaching anything but the staunchest midfield defence, and this determined player will not be minded to appear on the losing side four years running.

Oxford may have a clear advantage in goalkicking, although Cambridge will not worry too much about that provided they can score enough tries. They do not forget, however, that Quinnen kicked a record five penalty goals last year.

There was a great deal of whistle in last year's match as Cambridge, especially recall with some anguish, and the hope must be that this encounter may be enabled legally to flow a smoother course. The referee is Alan Welsby, of Lancashire, the man who had the unpleasant duty of sending off four players in the B international between Ireland and France in Dublin last Saturday.

"This above all: to thine own self be true." By remembering the counsel of Polonius, Cambridge could make this a memorable day. Their captain, whose parents have flown in from Canada to watch the game, has said that they want to win it after their own fashion. Such an outcome would, I understand, secure them the attractive bonus of a match against Llanelli at Stradey Park on New Year's Day. It would also send their coach, Ian Robertson, who is getting married tomorrow, rejoicing on his way to the registrar.

Quinnen: his kicking an asset for Oxford.

Teams at Twickenham

Oxford		Cambridge	
*P. N. Quinnen (St Benedict's and Wadham)	15	*A. J. Hignell (Denstone and Fitzwilliam)	15
D. Willis (Haberdashers' and Worcester)	14	*M. W. O'Callaghan (Christchurch HS, NZ and Emmanuel)	14
E. Bryan (Hampton GS and St Edmund Hall)	13	*J. L. Moyes (Bournemouth GS and Emmanuel)	13
*C. P. Kent (Blundell's and Worcester)	12	A. R. Grant (Glasgow HS and Fitzwilliam)	12
B. Clements (Natal and St Catherine's)	11	*G. E. Wood (Uppingham and Downing)	11
A. W. Ellis (Neath GS and Keble)	10	*A. J. Wordsworth (Whitgift and Selwyn)	10
M. Hockley (Sherborne and Trinity)	9	A. D. Lewis (Caerphilly GS and St John's)	9
E. Horne (Emanuel and Jesus)	1	P. V. Boulding (Cambridgeshire HS and Downing)	1
*P. Rees (Cardiff HS and Magdalen)	2	G. G. Beringer (Campbell College and St Catherine's)	2
P. K. Tongue (Birmingham University and St Edmund Hall)	3	D. B. Allen (Solihull and Downing)	3
*R. A. Davis (King's, Sydney and Pembroke)	4	P. R. Ellis (Redruth GS and Christ's)	4
*D. S. M. MacDonald (Stellenbosch University and University)	5	S. L. Brown (King Edward VI, Nuneaton and St Catharine's)	5
P. King (Sydney and Worcester)	6	A. A. Stewart (captain) (St George's, Vancouver and St Catharine's)	6
D. A. MacDonald (Cape Town University and University)	8	*S. R. R. Edlmann (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall)	8
*C. Shaw (captain) (Orangefield, Belfast and St Edmund Hall)	7	N. A. Malik (Dunsmore and Trinity Hall)	7

Referee: A. Welsby (Lancashire)
* A Blue

O'Callaghan: a threat for Cambridge on the wing.

Little change in the search for solution

By Peter West

Duckham and Corless, the Coventry three-quarters, Cooper, the Moseley stand-off half, and Wheeler, the Leicester hooker, all of whom participated in the North and Midlands' 18—10 victory over England at the weekend, have been promoted to the senior side for the second trial, against South and West, at Gloucester next Saturday. Wilkinson, of Bedford, takes up the place at lock from which he withdrew, for the first trial, because of injury.

Morley, now dislpaced by Duckham on the left wing, and replaced by Wyatt, through injury during the first half at Leicester, has also been left out of the regional side but is named as one of the England reserves. Bennett and Pullin have been demoted to the South and West team. Preece and Horton, who took over from Wilkinson last Saturday, do not figure among the England reserves but the selectors no doubt decided not to denude Midland Counties (West), who are playing the Australians at Coventry, of too many players.

Last Saturday's result is not by any means the first instance of a senior side coming unstuck but at a time when few of the established performers appear to be playing well, it has done nothing to instil confidence and, by all accounts, achieved little towards the solution of some of the more crucial problems. At least the selectors have resisted any temptation to make sweeping changes. But the teams announced for Gloucester are almost as interesting for those left out as for those included.

Although Ralston's omission from the first trial was perhaps predictable, his absence from either side now—and even from their reserves—prevents the selectors from matching him with his chosen heir-apparent, Wilkinson. It is better news that the South and West selectors have chosen Ripley. He will have an interesting confrontation at No 8 with Uttley, who I am told made a significantly tidy and knowledgeable contribution round the fringes at Leicester.

Fidler, Gloucester's lock and at his best a formidable player at the lineout, is the man selected to oppose Wilkinson this week. The choice of Mantell as his partner ensures a good clash with another of the outstanding younger players, Beaumont, but it means there is no place for the experienced Martin, now cast as an England reserve. And there is no place in the regional team for Rollitt, Mordell being preferred on a flank.

It remains broadly true, however, that the selectors are sticking by the younger players who served England well in Australia. This applies to Hignell, retained in the England side at full back although still rusty after injury and not moving with complete freedom, but not to Bennett, who must have had a thoroughly unhappy day at Leicester.

Bennett is now paired in the regional XV with Harding. A good match by Wordsworth for Cambridge today might do his chances no harm, provided his mental attitude is right. Hignell's selection unkindly means no place for Hare, a Midlander, but I am pleased to see Richards, who is playing well, on duty in that position for the other team.

Solidity and good judgment, if not outstanding flair, are typified by the choice of Maxwell and Corless in the England centre. Corless may have gained promotion ahead of the promising French (now a reserve) because the selectors know more about him. Kent and Rutter, the regional centres, should test their opponents, as should Wyatt on the wing against Duckham.

England's selection of Cooper and Smith at half back rekindles a partnership briefly renewed in the Welsh international last season after Webster had been injured. Cooper and Smith were on the winning side together against France and Scotland in 1973. The busy, rugged Lampkowski, whose service is shorter but faster than Smith's, is chosen as a reserve.

I doubt if the selectors can yet be confident about the final arrangement of the front row. Wheeler, who is reported to have led the North and Midlands with much dash, now has a second chance of edging Pullin out of the England side. Stevens and Burton, the regional props, will gear themselves for a strong effort for South and West and Burton, in particular, may fancy his chance against Nelmes.

The England selectors have retained their loose trio although both flankers, it seems, still have something to confirm. I am told there was little fire in England's performance at Leicester. The captain, Neary, will need to do something about that.

ENGLAND: A. Hignell (Cambridge University); P. J. Squires (Harrogate), A. Maxwell (Headingley), B. J. Corless (Coventry), D. J. Duckham (Coventry); M. J. Cooper (Moseley), S. J. Smith (Sale); B. J. Nelmes (Cardiff), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester), F. E. Cotton (Sale), W. Beaumont (Fylde), R. M. Wilkinson (Bedford), A. Neary (Broughton Park, captain), R. M. Uttley (Gosforth), M. Keyworth (Swansea). Reserves: A. J. Morley (Bristol), N. French (Wasps), A. J. Old (Middlesbrough), M. Lampkowski (Headingley), C. White (Gosforth), J. Elliot (Nottingham), P. J. Dixon (Gosforth), N. O. Martin (Harlequins).

SOUTH AND WEST: G. Richards (Wasps); K. Plummer (Bristol), C. P. Kent (Oxford University), T. W. Rutter (Harlequins), D. Wyatt (Bedford); W. M. Bennett (Bedford), R. Harding (Bristol); C. B. Stevens (Penzance Newlyn), J. V. Pullin (Bristol, captain), M. A. Burton (Gloucester), N. Mantell (Rosslyn Park), J. Fidler (Gloucester), P. Hendy (St Ives), A. J. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), R. Mordell (Rosslyn Park). Reserves: D. McKay (Rosslyn Park), D. Cooke (Harlequins), J. P. Horton (Bath), P. Kingston (Gloucester), C. Ballward (Bedford), A. Whittle (Borough Road College and Weston-super-Mare), J. P. Scott (St. Lukes), D. M. Rollitt (Bristol).

Increased prize money in event

The Martini international golf tournament is to carry increased prize money, from £12,000 to £15,000, next summer. In its sixteenth year, and for the first time an open event, the tournament is to take place at the Ashburnham Club, Pembrey, from June 9 to 12. First prize goes up £250 to £2,500.

Hughes for transfer

John Hughes, a centre, has been put on the transfer list at £3,000 by Rochdale Hornets. Hughes wants to try to find a club nearer to his home in Leeds.

Middlesex include New Zealander

Rickett, a New Zealander playing for Wasps, has his first county championship match, for Middlesex against Surrey under the Roehampton floodlights, tomorrow night. He replaces the London Scottish second row forward, Wright, who is not available for business reasons. This is the only change by Middlesex, who will win the South-East Group if they do not lose this game. Otherwise the two teams will have to meet again in a decider.

Surrey have dropped Fijian international, Tikoisuva, the Welsh international, Hughes, fills the centre spot and Surrey bring in a new back row forward, Dickins, of Richmond.

Cooke, the Harlequin centre who pulled out of Kent's game against Surrey at the last minute, is included for the match with Sussex at Eastbourne tomorrow. The only other change involves the Tonbridge hooker, Bowler, who replaces Murphy.

Bell, the Rosslyn Park lock who was a replacement for the injured Fry in Sussex's victory over Hampshire, retains his place. Sussex's only other change is the Lewes wing, George. He comes in for Harker, who is injured.

Eastern Counties, who have no hope of winning the championship, give a chance to some of their promising players in their final group match, against Hampshire at Walthamstow, tomorrow. Bate, the 17-year-old England 19 Group full back, makes his first appearance in the championship, having toured Italy with the Counties and also Australia with the highly successful 19 Group team. He takes over from Jorden. The newcomer to the championship in the pack is Bond, the former London Irish and Richmond hooker

The Hampshire side includes two newcomers, Hanson, the Saracens wing, and Davis, the US Portsmouth lock. This brings the number of new players for Hampshire this season to 19—a record for the county in one season.

Book reviews

Three separate journeys around Australian cricket

By Richard Streeton

To receive within a few days of each other new cricket books by Ray Robinson, E. W. Swanton and Bill Frindall, as I have done recently, can be likened to an explorer taking in three separate continents on one journey. The approach, the styles and the themes are as different as the Sahara, the Polar regions and the Brazilian jungles. Only as a reminder of the multiformity to be found in cricket publishing have the three names on the dust-jackets anything in common.

Robinson and Jack Fingleton to me have always represented all that is best in Australian cricket writing. Their books, particularly, have brought pleasure to people in every country where cricket is known. Now, once again, Robinson is as entertaining, original and racy as ever in *On Top Down Under* which Cassells in Australia have sent me direct. It runs to over 350 pages with a chapter devoted to each of Australia's 32 Test match captains and every page contains those perceptive asides which mark Robinson's character studies of players. Cassells are bringing out an English edition next March at £4.95 and a full scale review must be deferred until the spring.

Just as Robinson epitomizes the Australian approach, so Swanton to many of us stands in the front rank among English commentators. He may not be a member of the lyrical or poetical school of writers. That is irrelevant in this context. More important, he has for several decades shown himself to be immensely sound in his judgments with a telling knack for the discerning, long-term viewpoint. His detractors, I always feel, are seldom more wrong than when they consider him to be the voice of the establishment. The good of cricket always come first with Swanton and he will, in fact, be remembered long after his critics are forgotten.

Having deliberately stressed this, I must confess that I, personally, was a shade disappointed in *Swanton in Australia* (Collins, £4.95). Only, it goes without saying, by the "Swantonian" standards he has previously set. The book never falls below a commendable level of readability. But it is curiously short of satisfying "meat" for the work of a man who was once responsible for *The World of Cricket*, and more recently provided that rich autobiography *Sort of a Cricket Person*. (It is good news, by the way, to hear on the grapevine that in the years ahead *The World of Cricket* may be updated if a sponsor can be found and that a second volume of autobiography is planned.)

Meanwhile the book under review deals with Swanton's eight visits to Australia for the *Daily Telegraph* with MCC sides, starting with Hammond's team in 1946-47 and finishing with the 1974-75 tour under Denness. There are only 158 pages of Swanton text and disproportionately an 85-page appendix of Test match score sheets and other statistics. These are attractively laid out but certainly the match scores are readily available elsewhere and I would have much preferred more Swanton and a smaller appendix.

The chapters summarizing each tour are pertinently and shrewdly written, but they inevitably contain little that either Swanton or others have not said before. Even the 1970 Rest of the World series and its status is quite irrelevantly given another airing. This is a subject, incidentally, on which Swanton uncharacteristically opposes an official ruling after it has been legally and properly decreed by the authorities.

Easily the best reading in the book comes in two introductory chapters dealing with Australia and Australians and also the author's final summing up at the end. This last is vintage Swanton with an ominous warning about behaviour standards on and off the field and the need to remember the example that must be set to the young. The problems, ironically, spring from cricket's new found popularity in Australia and I have little doubt that Swanton has read the warning signals correctly. He always has done. Other assets between the covers include a foreword by Sir Robert Menzies, an introduction by Sir Donald Bradman and some splendid photographs.

From established figures in cricket publishing, I turn to *Frindall's Score Book* (Lonsdale Press, £3.95), a new venture for this firm. It is 20 years and more since Roy Webber and Crawford White under the auspices of the old *News Chronicle* first brought out copies of Test Match scorebooks in booklet form at half a crown a copy. Lonsdale have now advanced things considerably further with a lavishly presented reproduction of the scoresheets for the 1975 England-Australia series, compiled by Frindall during his stint as scorer in the BBC radio commentary box.

Frindall explains the comprehensive system evolved over the years by his predecessors and himself to assist the commentators. To help digest the pages of figures, each of the four Tests is introduced respectively by Don Mosey, Henry Blofeld, Alan Gibson and Brian Johnston, while John Arlott introduces Frindall himself. Numerous photographs from Patrick Eagar enhance the text, all of them maintaining the high quality we almost take for granted from him. Whether all this emerges as a commercial proposition remains to be seen. Lonsdales certainly deserve praise for this book, which, it seems, may be followed by others on future Test rubbers.

Racing

Jockey Club disallow new guarantee for Northumberland Plate

The Jockey Club yesterday rejected a proposal to boost the guaranteed prize money of the Joe Coral Northumberland Plate to £20,000. But the senior steward, Lord Leverhulme, sweetened the blow by announcing that the value of the 1976 "Pitman's Derby" would be increased to £15,000.

This makes the race one of the three most valuable handicaps in Europe alongside the Ebor Handicap and the Stewards Cup. Lord Leverhulme also rejected a plan by Mecca Bookmakers to sponsor York's Dante Stakes and raise its value to £20,000.

Lord Leverhulme said the main objection to too valuable a sponsorship of both races was that it could lead to a break up of the pattern system. He went on: "It is essential to maintain some order and control in the planning of all our races, particularly where the rewards are greatest and the influence of breeding are strongest.

"For this reason the pattern of racing was introduced in 1968 and is now agreed internationally with the turf authorities in France, Ireland, Germany and Italy. One of the great benefits patterns have brought to British and European racing is that it has provided a rational framework within which money for the most important races can be apportioned.

"Handicaps by their very nature can be won by quite moderate horses which subsequently can contribute nothing towards the future of the breed. For this reason we do not consider it appropriate to make the value of handicaps on a par with prizes to be won in group one Pattern races."

Lord Leverhulme said that neither the stewards nor the pattern committee nor the York race committee had an opportunity to discuss the Mecca offer. But he added: "I must make it clear that recognised trial races fall into the group three category and it would be inappropriate to make them as valuable as group one races. Sponsors' money cannot force a race from one group into another because we want to keep the pattern. But it does not mean that a new race cannot be set up."

Ken Tucker, the managing director of Corals, said the stewards decision was disappointing. "But we will continue to sponsor the race up to the maximum amount possible each year," he said. "And we can only hope that in future years permission will be given to raise the added money and thus enhance the Pitman's Derby."

The Jockey Club Committee, under the Chairmanship of Captain Miles Gosling, also met yesterday to consider a possible alternative race should the Grand National not be run at Aintree in 1976. They discussed a number of possible venues and drew up a short list of three suitable racecourses—Doncaster, Haydock Park and Newcastle.

The Committee will shortly examine the facilities on these courses and a further meeting will be held on December 22, after which final recommendations will be made.

The closeness of the leading eight riders after five months of the National Hunt season have gone by points to an extremely tight finish for final honours. It could, indeed, be as razor-edged as that in the year before Scobie Breasley retired, when he and Lester Piggott had the same totals on the last day of the flat. One winning ride gave the championship to the great Australian jockey, now presumably engaged in polishing up his French as he gets to grips with his new job as private trainer for Ravi Tikkoo at Chantilly in 1976.

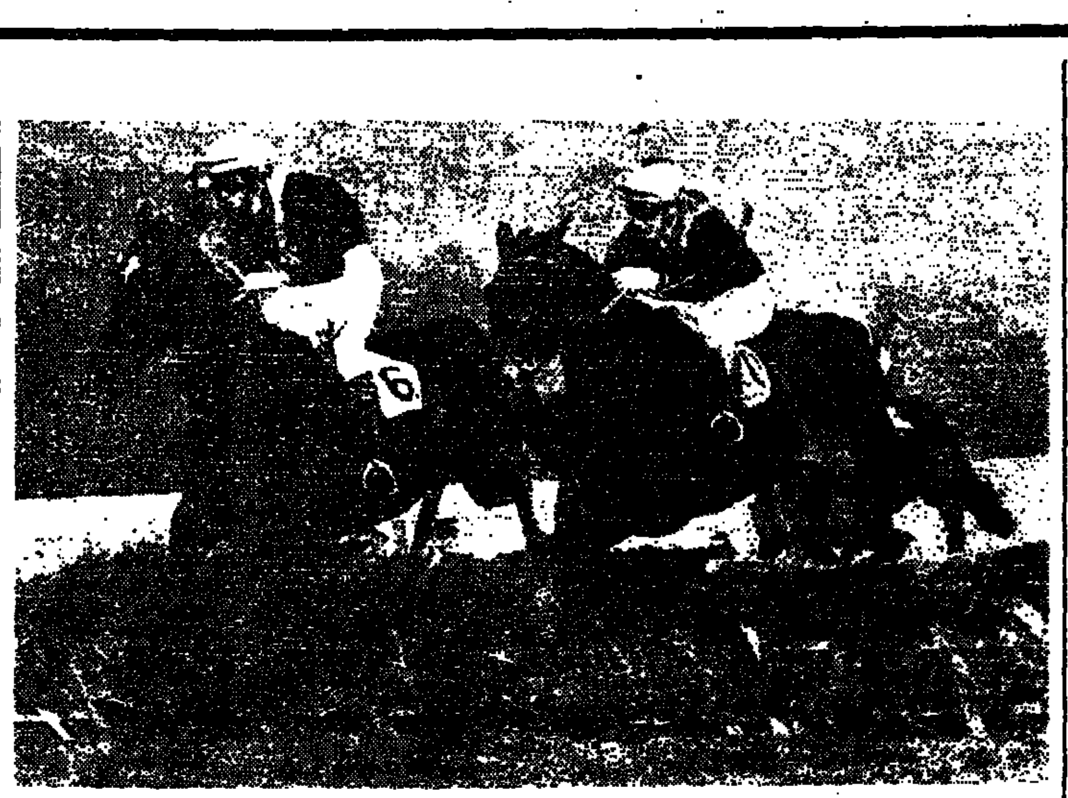
At present, John Francome leads, but it is a matter of heads and necks, as close behind him are John O'Neill, Tommy Stack and Bob Davies. Colin Tinkler, first jockey to Ken Oliver and a former amateur, is also right in contention, as are Ron Barry, Michael Dickinson and Martin Blackshaw. But the dark shadow of a bad fall, and a broken limb, causing an absence of anything from two weeks to six weeks in plaster or on crutches, is unhappily the ever present menace to a National Hunt jockey.

In the Londonderry Handicap Steeplechase at Teesside Park today, Even Melody may give Neville Crump some small compensation for the bad breakdown on Saturday at Catterick Bridge of Lord Zetland's good stayer, Canharis, the winner of eight races. Canharis will not race again. Even Melody won at Catterick and Uttoxeter before finishing third to George Owen's smart two-mile horse, Casbah, a week ago at Leicester. Sparkle Again, three times a winner at Catterick and out of the first three only once in six races, and the top weight, Ecarte, may be the two Even Melody has to beat.

Fair People and Mr Wicker have run with enough promise to be selected for two of the three divisions of the Wynyard Novices' Hurdle for three-year-olds. Fair People was third at Wetherby to a useful juvenile, Chiquera, and at Newcastle in October, following a victory at Sedgefield in September, he was also third to Dormitor at Newcastle.

Mr Wicker from Jack Hardy's Nottinghamshire stable, which has been sending out a winner or two every week in the last two months, was beaten for speed on the run-in at Wetherby by Nutshell, a three-year-old by Harry Wragg's high-class stayer on the flat, Salvo. Nutshell has won his only two races most impressively.

Flap Jack, trained by Jumbo Wilkinson, who in his fine and successful career as a National Hunt jockey broke nearly every bone in his body, is my choice for the Middlesbrough Handicap Hurdle. Wilkinson has been



Hopeful Curtis (left) is level with Count Kinure at the last hurdle before sprinting clear.

Rivals feel the power of Roaring Wind

By Michael Seely

The Finale Junior Hurdle at Chepstow on Saturday, December 20, won last year by Philominsky from Night Nurse, seems likely to be as informative again this season. Already under orders for Chepstow are the French bred Havanus, who after Sweet Joe's wide-margin win at Lingfield Park on Saturday must be regarded as the best of Morley's three-year-olds and the impressive Sandown Park winner, Tiepolino.

Tom Jones told me at Nottingham yesterday that he is sending Sweet Joe to Chepstow to renew rivalry with Havanus. In the Lingfield race the maximum use was made of Sweet Joe's stamina and he beat Bailador by 25 lengths with the favourite, Manzoni, eight lengths away, third. Now that the right riding tactics have been discovered Jones is hopeful that the Haydock placings may be reversed at Chepstow. Even allowing for the fact that Manzoni was reported to have been unable to handle the soft going, Sweet Joe's must have been an authoritative performance.

The surprise defeat of Morley's other star, Valmony, by Golden Rifle at Cheltenham on Saturday did not unduly disturb the Bury St Edmunds trainer as the three-year-old showed even on the way to the start that he was palpably ill at ease on the fast ground. Also at Nottingham yesterday was Fred Rimell, his hopes sill high about Comedy of Errors despite his six and a half lengths defeat by Sea Pigeon on Saturday.

As Rimell pointed out, the dual champion hurdler was too careful in his jumping on going far firmer than that on which he put up his best performances. The Irish Sweeps Hurdle at Leopardstown remains the big horse's primary objective in the first half of the season. The leading layers appear to share Rimell's confidence about the Champion Hurdle.

Hills were the most unimpressed by Sea Pigeon's turn of foot on Saturday. They still price the Sea Bird II gelding, who will not run in Ireland, at 10-1 for the big race at Cheltenham. Comedy of Errors in their favourite at 7-2. They then go 4-1 Bannow Rambler, fourth conceding lumps of weight to Helenium in the Irish Benson and Hedges Handicap Hurdle at Fairyhouse on Saturday: 4-1 Night Nurse, and 6-1 Lanzarote, due to run in the three and a quarter mile Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot next Saturday. The only other horse in the betting is the Bob Turnell trained Bird's Nest at 12-1.

By far the most exciting performance at Nottingham yesterday was that of Roaring Wind, who fairly ran away with the Woodborough Novices' Steeplechase. Always going sweetly in the hands of Red Crank, the seven-year-old was content to wait behind the pacemaker Birdland until two fences from home. Primerello, jumping well apart from one mistake at the sixth fence from home was always on terms. Racing to the last it was clear that Roaring Wind had the race in his pocket. Quickening away smoothly on the run-in he beat Birland by four lengths, with Primerello, who needs softer going, three lengths farther away, third.

Amazingly Crank has partnered yesterday's winner in nine of his 11 successes and has ridden him in all his four victories over fences recently. Owned by a retired Shropshire veterinary surgeon, Stanley Jones, Roaring Wind is trained by Roy Cambidge, who with his hunting and point-to-point background is one of the men who are the backbone of National Hunt racing. Although Cambridge's remark, made perhaps with his tongue in his cheek—"Gold Cup 1977, here we come"—can be taken with a pinch of salt, there is little doubt that Roaring Wind is one of the best novice steeplechasers in training.

The other success with a hunting and point-to-point flavour was that of young Joey Newton, who rode his mother's Hopeful Curtis to an easy eight-length win over the gambled on Count Kinure in the Hockerton Novices Handicap Hurdle.

The only racing in the south this afternoon takes place at Plumpton where the feature event is the Peter Cazalet Memorial Challenge Trophy Handicap Steeplechase, named in honour of the great Fairlawne trainer, Gay Kybo, owned by Isador Kerman, one of Cazalet's former patrons, was an appropriate winner of the first running of the race last year. This time, however, Gay Kybo, an erratic jumper, may not be capable of beating Ozandels, trained by Guy Harwood at Pulborough.

In his only outing so far this season Ozandels defeated Shawnigan by two and a half lengths at Wincanton over two miles. He will be much better suited by the longer distance of today's race. A hurdler who ran like a horse returning to form was Hilarity at Haydock Park. He may be capable of giving weight all round in the December Handicap.

The safest bet on this tricky circuit should be Bent Pelham in the three-mile Ditchling Novices Hurdle. Bent Pelham was favourite when fourth to Hopeful Curtis at Leicester last month, and his stamina will be brought into full play by the extra mile of today's race.

STATE OF GOING: Plumpton: Steeplechase: good to soft. Hurdles: soft. Teesside Park: good to soft. Tomorrow: Worcester: Steeplechase: good to soft: hurdles: soft.

Plumpton programme

12.45 KEYMER STEEPLECHASE (£550 : 3m)

1 040-301 **Bucks Head** (S. Sainsbury), Mrs N. Whitfield, 9-11-0 C. Smith 7
2 000000- **Coastal Command** (K. Kleinwort), Kleinwort, 9-11-0 M. Stanley
3 4 **Eastern Admiral** (J. Tarrant), R. Blakeney, 8-11-0 Mr Tarrant 5
4 3434-03 **Easy Runner** (Mrs J. Ollivant), Mrs J. Ollivant, 8-11-0 B. Forsey
5 04-p330 **Midastoo** (A. Moore), Moore, 6-11-0 .... C. Read

6-4 Eastern Admiral, 11-4 Bucks Head, 100-30 Midastoo, 4-1 Easy Runner, 14-1 Coastal Command.

1.15 HENFIELD HURDLE (£342 : 2m)

1 12420-0 **Arty Crafty** (M. Bevan), G. Ripley, 9-11-11 .. G. Gracey 7
2 230300 **Blameless Stall (D)** (G. Williams), Williams, 10-11-11 Mr Williams 7
4 2 **Census** (Mrs B. Moody), F. Muggeridge, 6-11-11 T. Muggeridge 7
5 000-000 **Chief Scout** (R. C. Fuller), T. M. Jones, 5-11-11 J. Francome
6 00014- **Cregg Park (D)** (Mrs J. Donegan), L. Pattullo, 6-11-11 W. Smith
7 **Darkness** (R. Wise), B. Wise, 7-11-11 .... C. Bowen 7
8 4uf-u00 **I Cry** (C. Craig), R. Blakeney, 6-11-11 .... R. Linley
9 000 **Kempton Lad** (A. Neaves), Neaves, 5-11-11 .. C. Goldsworthy
10 200-000 **King Cloud** (R. Leach), Leach, 8-11-11 .... K. Barker 7
11 101-024 **Otago Gold (CD)** (Mrs P. Donkin), B. Wise, 6-11-11 G. Enright 5
13 1000-pp **Rorsula (CD)** (Mrs L. Browning), D. Browning, 7-11-11 M. Stanley 5
13 11000-0 **Selway** (Mrs L. Moore), A. Moore, 6-11-11 .... C. Read
14 44 **Sillins Pride** (T. Allison), G. Kindersley, 5-11-11 .. W. Shoemark
15 001-403 **The Stuartstan (D)** (S. Powell), S. Mellor, 6-11-11 .. S. Jobar
16 0000-p **Uncle Sol** (A. Edgar), J. S. Evans, 7-11-11 ...... T. Olford 7
17 030000- **Unknown Warrior (CD)** (Mrs D. Miller), H. Miller, 6-11-11 P. Mitchell 5
19 3014-0 **Young Dedham (CD)** (A. Moore), Moore, 8-11-11 .. Mr Moore 7
21 10-0023 **Fell Swoop (CD)** (R. Gibbons), C. Benstead, 4-11-8 R. Atkins

7-4 The Stuartstan, 9-2 Fell Swoop, 6-1 Census, 8-1 Arty Crafty, Otago Gold, 10-1 Sillins Pride, 12-1 Young Dedham, 14-1 Cregg Park, 16-1 others

1.45 PETER CAZALET STEEPLECHASE (Handicap, £690 : 2m 750yd)

1 314213 **St Swithin** (C) (Mrs G. Cutting), T. Winter, 9-11-7 R. Kington 5
2 0324-1 **Ozandels** (J. Tilling), G. Harwood, 9-10-5 ...... C. Read
3 14f-u13 **Chance-a Look** (M. Bryant), S. Woodman, 9-10-0 .. W. Smith
4 1413-23 **Parkgate Inn (C)** (A. Wood), S. Mellor, 7-10-0 ... S. Jobar
5 0-12424 **French Society (C)** (Mrs J. Butler), B. Wise, 9-10-0 R. Rowell
6 00-f210 **Gay Kybo (CD)** (I. Kerman), J. Gifford, 7-10-0 .. M. Stanley 5
7 Cp31p0- **Plain Pilgrim** (Mrs E. Wyndham), D. Morley, 6-10-0 B. R. Davies
9 -324440 **Utah (C)** (C. Barker), A. Moore, 11-10-0 ...... J. Jenkins

11-10 St Swithin, 7-1 Ozandels, 6-1 Chance a Look, 8-1 Parkgate Inn, 10-1 Gay Kybo, 16-1 French Society, 20-1 others

2.15 CUCKMERE STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £342 : 2m)

1 40000-p **Dumette** (Mrs V. Welch), J. Welch, 7-11-7 .... Mr Benson 7
2 0 **Early Silver** (N. Rimington), J. Old, 6-11-7 .... C. Gandy
3 0bp-0ff **Gervic** (G. Abrahams), R. Armytage, 6-11-7 ..... Mr Perrett
4 0000-b4 **Great** (Mrs I. Browning), D. Browning, 6-11-7 ... M. Stanley 5
5 100-0 **Kentucky Fair** (J. Manley), P. Cole, 6-11-7 ..... R. Champion
6 003-fp0 **Little Window** (Mrs L. Ripley), G. Ripley, 7-11-7 .. G. Gracey 7
7 0 **Manart** (M. de Richardson), Miss A. Sinclair, 6-11-7 B. Powell
8 0u-2440 **Mrave** (P. [illegible]), S. Woodman, 6-11-7 .... C. Goldsworthy
9 **Right Cell** (Mrs A. Smith), B. Wise, 6-11-7 .... J. Jenkins
11 400-002 **Camlingay** (Miss M. Robins), R. Blakeney, 4-10-10 .. R. Linley
12 000 **Mingold** (T. Godfrey), D. Jenny, 7-10-11 .... R. Jefferies 5

5-2 Camlingay, 4-1 Kentucky Fair, 9-2 Mrave, 5-1 Manart, 7-1 Great, 8-1 Early Silver, 12-1 others

2.45 DECEMBER HURDLE (4-y-o : Handicap : £515 : 2m)

1 4130-04 **Hilarity (D)** (W. Cox), D. Morley, 11-11 ...... B. R. Davies
2 441310- **Georgic** (L. Tory), F. Winter, 11-7 .... J. Francome
3 12323-0 **Toppina (D)** (L. Dowman), K. Ivory, 11-5 .... G. Thorner
4 10-0421 **Gingerbread Man** (T. Sargent), J. Gifford, 11-1 ...... G. Enright 5
5 1130 **Private Well (CD)** (R. Cutting), P. Cole, 11-0 ...... R. Champion
6 01200-0 **Drum Major** (A. Pitman), D. Underwood, 10-4 ...... J. Jenkins
7 001-00 **Seaspray** (D. Cox), P. Haslam, 10-4 .... W. Shoemark
8 104044 **Bosk (D)** (D. Woollard), M. Bolton, 10-3 .... R. Rowell
9 00412- **Royal Romance** (A. Richer), A. Moore, 10-2 .... C. Read
10 0020-0 **Friston Mist** (E. Burness), B. Wise, 10-1 .... C. Bowen 7
11 000-300 **Young Nicky** (S. Winton), P. Ashworth, 10-2 ...... B. Forsyth 7
12 200-110 **Scottish Cavalier** (Miss S. Pitts), [illegible], 10-0 R. Atkins
13 0001-0p **Bolave** (D. Mills), D. Ringer, 10-0 .... G. Holmes
17 1000 **Big Boss** (Mrs L. Gower), [illegible], 10-0 .... G. Gracey 7

7-4 Hilarity, 5-1 Gingerbread Man, 11-2 Drum Major, 6-1 Toppina, 7-1 Royal Romance, 10-1 Georgic, Scottish Cavalier, 12-1 Seaspray, 14-1 Private Well, 16-1 others

3.15 DITCHLING HURDLE (Novices : £340 : 3m)

1 2200-01 **Afternoon Sun (CD)** (R. Wigington), D. Palmer, 6-11-7 G. Henry 5
4 0-f2421 **Set Hill** (A. Neaves), Neaves, 7-11-0 .... G. Davies 5
5 0-pufuf **Annes Lord** (Mrs R. Phillips), Mrs A. Coughton, 6-11-0 C. Pitt 7
6 0040-34 **Bent Pelham** (J. Wright), S. Mellor, 5-11-0 .... S. Jobar
7 00000- **Clensmen** (P. Robinson), J. Hayward, 5-11-0 .... Mr Robinson 7
8 0-00 **Court Shade** (D. Green), Green, 5-11-0 .... R. Bragg
10 0002-0 **Gardenvale** (Mrs A. Lampert), P. Lundell, 5-11-0 J. Francome
12 p0 **New Town** (L. Cohen), D. Dale, 5-11-0 .... T. G. Hughes
13 p40e-p **Port'n Lemon** (W. Kedd), R. Thompson, 5-11-0 ...... R. Evans 5
14 3 **Reim Beau** (M. Masson), M. Masson, 5-11-0 ...... —
15 00-3202 **Shivers Regal** (C. Rogers), E. Goddard, 5-11-0 .. R. Mann
16 000040- **Sir Walde** (M. Gayler), A. Moore, 5-11-0 ...... R. Kellett
17 04-000 **Smart Shoes** (Mrs A. Benson), E. Benson, 6-11-0 .. J. Jenkins
18 00-30 **So Little Time** (R. Leach), Leach, 5-11-0 .... K. Barker 7
19 **Souvidette** (Mrs N. Trevithick), R. Blakeney, 5-11-0 R. Linley
20 0 **Vast Mistake** (Mrs J. Old), J. Old, 5-11-0 ...... Mr M. Brown 7
21 100 **Villa Iglea** (I. Kerman), J. Gifford, 5-11-0 ...... R. Champion
22 000-0 **Viverona** (Mrs N. Greulandine), Miss A. Sinclair, 5-11-0 R. Rowell

15-8 Reim Beau, 7-2 Shivers Regal, 6-1 Afternoon Sun, 8-1 Gardenvale, Viverona, 10-1 Bent Pelham, 12-1 Set Hill, 16-1 Villa Iglea, 20-1 others

Plumpton selections

By Our Racing Staff

12.45 Bucks Head. 1.15 Selway. 1.45 Ozandels. 2.15 Gervi. 2.45 Hilarity. 3.15 BENT PELHAM is specially recommended.

Teesside Park selections

By Our Racing Staff

12.0 Fair People. 12.30 MIDAO is specially recommended. 1.0 Aegean Song. 1.30 Even Melody. 2.0 Flap Jack. 2.30 Irish Tony. 3.0 Mr Wicker.

Nottingham

1.0 (1.0) **RUDDINGTON HURDLE** (Div I: 3-y-o novices: £578: 2m)

Dyscole, ch c, by Sassafras—Madina (Mrs N. Fenton), R. G. Hughes (12-1) 1
Boom Boom, ch g, by Privy Seal—Terry Pat (D. Russell), 11-0 W. Smith (8-1) 2
Baronet, b c, by Huntercombe—Chagrin Falls (N. Callaghan), 11-0 .... M. Wagner (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Saintly Purchase (4th), 6-1 Skibble (f), 8-1 Orcla, 11-1 Captain Nolan, Tender Music, 14-1 Capitalist (pu), Premier Cru, 33-1 Anns Dream, Bagdad Gold, Call the Police, Carib Blue (f), Cunning Trick, Fatherland, Hedgewood, Lacrimally, Mon Cheval, Nutmeg, Smokey Prince, Snoopy Too, Try Rocking. 25 ran.

TOTE: Win, £7.81; places, £2.51, 59p, 59p. P. Mitchell, at Epsom. £1. Il Mezzofanti and Ugo did not run.

1.30 (1.33) **HOCKERTON HURDLE** (Handicap novices: £540: 2m)

Hopeful Curtis, b h, by Rising Curtis—Hopeful Star (Mrs R. Newton), 5-10-12 Mr J. Newton (6-1) 1
Count Kinure, b g, by Milan—Dysie's Princess (D. Tressidy), 5-11-0 J. Crowley (11-10 fav) 2
Va-Nu-Pieds, ch g, by Devon—Grandes Vacances (D. Gwillim), 4-11-0 ...... P. Blacker (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 De Mussel, 10-1 Fair Georgina, David's City, Serogan, 12-1 Silverlanier (4th), 14-1 William the Red, 16-1 Queens Folly, 20-1 Coolamundra, Marsh Hey, Tabellion, 33-1 Noblest Noble, Pleasure Seeker, Hamadan, El Rando, Joint Endeavour, Our Muffler. 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, 69p; places, 19p, 12p, 18p, 18p. Mrs R. Newton, at Melton Mowbray. £1. 11.

2.0 (2.0) **WOLLATON STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £682: 2m)

Noble Hero, b g, by Arctic Chevalier—Herodiade (M. Marsh), 8-10-1 M. Gifford (9-4 fav) 1
Winall, br g, by Good Light—dam not registered (Mrs K. Lloyd), 7-10-0 ...... R. F. Davies (4-1) 2
Last Trick, b m, by Acer—Acres Candiate (R. Leach), 7-10-1 K. Barker (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Valorus (4th), 8-1 Yellow Stone (f), 14-1 Smokeless Fru, Salso (f). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 16p, 20p; dual forecast: [illegible] M. Marsh, at [illegible]. Flap Hill did not run.

2.30 (2.32) **WOODBOROUGH STEEPLECHASE** (Novices: £1,103: 2m)

Roaring Wind, [illegible] 1
Birdland, [illegible] 2
Primerello, [illegible] 3

ALSO RAN: [illegible]

TOTE: [illegible]

3.0 (3.0) **KEGWORTH HURDLE** (Handicap: [illegible])

Archetto, [illegible] 1
Julian Swift, [illegible] 2
Davidson, [illegible] 3

ALSO RAN: [illegible]

TOTE: [illegible]

3.30 (3.32) **RUDDINGTON HURDLE** (Div II: 3-y-o novices: £578: 2m)

Gay Signal, [illegible] 1
Smiling, [illegible] 2
Litigant, [illegible] 3

ALSO RAN: [illegible]

TOTE: [illegible]

TOTE DOUBLE: Noble Hero and Archetto, £10.20. TREBLE: Hopeful Curtis, Roaring Wind and Gay Signal, £20.10.

Teesside Park programme

12.00 WYNYARD HURDLE (Div II : Part I : 3-y-o novices : £306 : 2m 176yd)

3 02133 **Fair People** (J. Adams), H. Blackshaw, 11-7 .. T. Saffington
10 00 **Distant Cousin** (Mrs A. Raphaelson), R. Bastiman, 11-0 P. Broderick
12 0 **Fondoon** (J. Bingham), H. Wharton, 11-0 .... G. Graham 7
14 3 **Gipsy Silver** (N. Chamberlain), Chamberlain, 11-0 R. Fletcher
18 **Kinlon Lady** (F. Quibell), J. Bower, 11-0 ...... R. Crank
21 42 **Le Gaulois** (K. Tuer), Tuer, 11-0 .... R. Barry
23 **Martinique** (C. Platts), Miss S. Hall, 11-0 .... P. Mangan
25 n **Milbil** (W. Lowrie), E. Carr, 11-0 .... P. Harman 7
26 00 **Minsted** (H. Reiss), M. W. Easterby, 11-0 ...... C. Tinkler
28 0 **Mossider** (P. Murphy), J. Berry, 11-0 .... N. Tinkler
30 00 **Palace** (W. Dixon), W. A. Stephenson, 11-0 .. G. Faulkner 7
32 **Phantasy** (Mrs A. Chambers), J. Mulhall, 11-0 .. K. Holmes 7
35 **Prince of Light** (R. Tarrant), Denys Smith, 11-0 .. A. Dickman
37 0 **Stand In** (Mrs J. Shaw), N. Crump, 11-0 ...... C. Hawkins 7
41 **Vimy Ridge** (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 11-0 .. T. Stack
42 **Willow Bock** (B. Cunningham), P. Buckley, 11-0 .. D. Greaves

5-2 Le Gaulois, 100-30 Fair People, 4-1 Gipsy Silver, 6-1 Stand In, 8-1 Prince of Light, 10-1 Minsted, 12-1 Milbil, 16-1 others.

12.30 WYNYARD HURDLE (Div I : 3-y-o novices : £306 : 2m 176yd)

1 14 **Midao (CD)** (G. Pratt), M. H. Easterby, 11-7 .. P. Broderick
3 0 **Beechwood Lad** (W. Bulmer), R. Bastiman, 11-0 .... C. Tinkler
6 **Capital Flight** (C. Bell), Bell, 11-0 .... J. McDougall 5
7 0330 **Chare** (R. Swan), N. Crump, 11-0 .... D. Atkins
8 **Coffee Boy** (A. Grant), S. Hall, 11-0 .... D. Munro
9 **Drumadell** (G. Gladstone), P. Wigham, 11-0 .. M. Lowry 7
10 0 **Early Toss** (Mrs B. Ward), A. Jarvis, 11-0 .... P. Blacker
11 **Fair Person** (J. Adams), H. Blackshaw, 11-0 ....
12 0 **Indianira** (C. Spencer), M. W. Easterby, 11-0 .... N. Tinkler
17 3 **Kerlossel** (J. Latham), K. Payne, 11-0 ...... N. Bancroft 7
19 **Melody Might** (G. Newton), J. Mulhall, 11-0 .... K. Holmes 7
20 **Mount Blessed** (A. Sniper), M. H. Easterby, 11-0 .. R. Barry
22 **Peggy Jet** (Mrs H. Fawcett), E. Carr, 11-0 .... P. Harman 7
24 2 **Pout** (G. Ratcliffe), J. Hardy, 11-0 ...... M. Blackshaw
25 **Radar Girl** (W. Wallis), Watts, 11-0 .... —
26 223 **Red Marshall** (J. Henderson), M. W. Easterby, 11-0 P. Maddison
27 f002 **Regent's Choice** (W. Stephenson), Stephenson, 11-0 T. Stack
28 **Roman Gean** (P. Bailey), R. Titterington, 11-0 ....
30 0 **Solo Spy** (T. Akeroyd), F. Wiles, 11-0 .... S. Wiles
31 **Tudor Maestro** (R. Earl), Denys Smith, 11-0 .... A. Dickman
32 **Village Dusky** (F. Oates), C. Lamb, 11-0 .... R. Lamb

7-4 Midao, 100-30 Regent's Choice, 11-2 Indianira, 13-2 Mount Blessed, 8-1 Pout, 10-1 Red Marshall, 12-1 Kerlossel, 14-1 others.

1.0 MANDALE HURDLE (Handicap : 4-y-o : £306 : 2m)

1 000-000 **Carne Gray (D)** (P. Shute), R. Bastiman, 11-7 .... C. Tinkler
2 00-000 **Whatsname** (J. Hardy), K. Hogg, 11-3 .... D. Munro
3 4200 **Klair Star** (H. Whitworth), Hbt Jones, 11-2 .... T. Stack
4 0p0p-20 **Aegean Song** (G. Richards), Richards, 11-1 ...... J. J. O'Neill
5 0-000 **Snowdrift** (C. Lamb), Lamb, 10-11 .... R. Lamb
6 f-u0f0 **Celtic Gwen** (Mrs J. Miller), D. Williams, 10-8 .. S. Charlton 7
7 0000-00 **Starginger** (W. Whiston), Whiston, 10-7 ...... D. Cartwright
8 0-03000 **The Specialist** (R. Baggaley), P. Felgate, 10-6 .... S. Holland
10 0000- **Little Glory** (W. Cooper), Mrs S. Cooper, 10-5 Mr D. Oldham 7
11 00000-3 **Sherry's Dancer** (Miss J. Rutter), T. Magner, 10-0 E. Bruce 7

2-1 Aegean Song, 3-1 Carne Gray, 9-2 Snowdrift, 5-1 Sherry's Dancer, 8-1 Klair Star, 10-1 Whatsname, 14-1 others

1.30 LONDONDERRY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £435 : 2m)

1 314-113 **Ecarte (D)** (J. Vallis), W. A. Stephenson, 8-11-7 .. T. Stack
2 101322 **Sparkle Again (CD)** (C. Lamb), Lamb, 9-11-6 ...... R. Lamb
3 411113 **Even Melody (D)** (S. Green), N. Crump, 6-11-5 .... D. Atkins
4 24fn-33 **Half Hooked (D)** (J. Barker), J. Calvert, 6-11-3 .. R. Fletcher
5 2142-30 **Duforge (D)** (A. Sniper), M. H. Easterby, 8-11-1 .. C. Tinkler
6 03f13f- **Master Bivouac** (Miss A. Hill-Wood), S. Palmer, 6-11-0 S. Holland
7 313-422 **Cajah (CD)** (Mrs M. Hodge), R. Bastiman, 8-10-13 P. Broderick
8 030030 **King's Savings (D)** (Mrs H. Vernon), J. Berry, 6-10-11 K. Gray 7

2-1 Sparkle Again, 7-2 Ecarte, 4-1 Even Melody, 6-1 Half Hooked, 8-1 Duforge, 10-1 Cajah, 12-1 Master Bivouac, 20-1 King's Savings.

2.00 MIDDLESBROUGH HURDLE (Handicap : £559 : 3m)

1 21201-0 **Town Ship** (G. Richards), Richards, 4-12-3 .... J. J. O'Neill
2 110-402 **Flap Jack** (Mrs E. Ingham), B. Wilkinson, 6-10-13 .. D. Munro
3 0f0-009 **Beau Slaney** (A. Gilligan), A. Jarvis, 7-10-0 ...... P. Blacker
4 001202 **Red Earl** (H. Ford), J. Berry, 6-10-0 .... K. Gray 5
5 f **Shy Spirit (D)** (J. Rose), S. Palmer, 8-10-0 .... T. Stack
6 200n-p0 **Whitsuncelli (CD)** (Mrs A. Newton), M. Naughton, 5-10-0 C. Tinkler
8 6-41010 **Sally's Choice (D)** (M. Taylor), D. Williams, 6-10-0 S. Charlton 7
9 36-1444 **Ballymoy** (Mrs J. Mortimer), J. Kersey, 6-10-0 Mr G. Kersey 7

7-4 Flap Jack, 9-2 Town Ship, 100-30 Red Earl, 6-1 Beau Slaney, 8-1 Whitsuncelli, 12-1 others.

2.30 LAMBTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £306 : 3m 31yd)

1 00-4131 **Grenada** (J. Vallis), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-9 .... T. Stack
2 420134 **Sage Merlin** (J. Bingham), H. Wharton, 7-11-4 .. M. Blackshaw
3 0f0- **Cool Forest** (Mrs G. Rutherford), C. Bell, 6-11-2 .... R. Lamb
4 0- **Greek Moss** (Mrs S. Taylor), G. Richards, 7-11-2 J. J. O'Neill
5 420-43 **Irish Tony** (Mrs W. Burdon), N. Crump, 7-11-2 .. D. Atkins
6 0-1 **Lucky Sam** (Mrs J. Ireland), Mrs Ireland, 10-11-2 .... —
8 312p-2 **Mr Midshipman** (W. Russell), K. Whitehead, 5-11-0 .. R. Barry
10 f-00240 **The Barron** (L. Barron), Barron, 7-10-11 ...... R. Fletcher
11 f200-02 **Cleveland Bridge** (L. Brown), S. Palmer, 6-10-11 .. S. Holland
12 0 **Inistioge** (T. Easterby), M. H. Easterby, 6-10-11 P. Broderick
13 0-00 **Kairose** (P. Stead), M. Camacho, 6-10-11 ...... D. Greaves
14 044000 **Lacondarman** (J. Bethell), Bethell, 6-10-11 .... D. Munro
15 4p- **Royal Trace** (W. Forster), Forster, 9-10-11 .... P. Ennis
16 f0b-pr0 **Sir Roland** (A. Groves), A. Jarvis, 6-10-11 ...... P. Blacker

2-1 Mr Midshipman, 4-1 Grenada, 4-1 Inistioge, 5-1 Irish Tony, 8-1 Sage Merlin, 12-1 The Barron, 16-1 others

3.0 WYNYARD HURDLE (Div II : Part II : 3-y-o novices : £306 : 2m 176yd)

0 **Chadlorin** (J. Kersey), Kersey, 11-0 .... Mr G. Kersey 7
Double Lie (H. Nicholson), R. Titterington, 11-0 .... —
20 **The Froddler** (Lord Bolton), J. W. Watts, 11-0 Mr H. Orde-Powlett 7
Grand Hope (G. Hawkswell), M. H. Easterby, 11-0 P. Broderick
Kelly H (M. Clayton), P. Wigham, 11-0 .... M. Lowry 7
0 **Knaphead** (W. Kirby), H. Blackshaw, 11-0 ...... K. McCauley
Major Rex (H. Duncan), C. Bell, 11-0 .... J. McDougall 7
0 **Mauriyarano** (F. Wardle), M. Camacho, 11-0 .. B. Nicholls 7
Moss Gate (K. Boardman), S. Nesbitt, 11-0 .. D. Stephenson 7
0032 **Mr Wicker** (M. Micklethwaite), J. Hardy, 11-0 J. Thomson 7
Peterhof (H. Gould), M. W. Easterby, 11-0 ..... C. Tinkler
Snow Tribe (N. Hetherton), W. Elsey, 11-0 .... M. Blackshaw
Spring Fling (H. Leadley), W. A. Stephenson, 11-0 .. T. Stack
0 **Thistlestone** (K. Bowness), J. Twibell, 11-0 .... R. Lee 7
Upper Echelon (A. Hanley), J. Mulhall, 11-0 .... K. Holmes 7
00 **Wood Fairy** (Miss J. Day), G. Fairbairn, 11-0 .... D. Munro

2-1 Mr Wicker, 100-30 Mauriyarano, 4-1 Snow Tribe, 9-2 Peterhof, 8-1 Grand Hope, 10-1 Spring Fling, 14-1 others.

Teesside Park

12.15 (12.45) **DANBY HURDLE** (4-y-o novices: £306: 2m 176yd)

Tree Breeze, ch f, by Farm Walk—Gay Breeze (W. Barker), 11-0 P. Mangan (11-1) 1
Autumn Rain, ch g, by Ballyciptic—Rainbow Jacket (S. Marsh), 11-7 .. M. Dickinson (6-4 fav) 2
Pentagon, br h, by Rehistoun—Heckside (Mrs S. Taylor), 11-0 G. Holmes (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Crowded Hall (4th), Bold Warrior, 11-1 Sir Christopher, 14-1 Blue Comedian (4th), 20-1 Cubeley Brook, Barnus Star, Queensway, Woodside Terrace, Substantial, 33-1 Ballyrobin, Birthday Parade, Denby, Dryburn, Gusty Somers, Mister Magic, Mister Solo, Moray Lodge, Mr Ten Per Cent, Northern Tulip, Warre, Carol H (pu), Kiku (f). 23 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.38; places: 52p, [illegible] Miss S. Hall, at Middleham. [illegible]

1.15 (1.17) **THORNABY HURDLE** (Handicap: £306: 2m 176yd)

Stovepipe, b h, by High Hat—Albercaro (W. Young), 7-11-6 D. Nolan (13-2) 1
Viaduct, br m, by New Brig—dam not registered (R. McDonald), 6-10-7 .... M. Lowry (6-4 fav) 2
Possidon, b g, by Arctic Storm—Causerie (W. Wallis), 8-11-0 S. Charlton (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 13-2 Noble Gesture, 10-1 Galadon (4th), Brave Lad, Kempak (pu), 14-1 I Like It, 20-1 Scotch Brian, 33-1 Tack Noir, Winter Folly (pu). 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 84p; places, [illegible] 25p. C. H. Bell, at Hawick. [illegible]

1.45 (1.50) **CLEVELAND STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £[illegible]: 3m 31yd)

Cantabel, b g, by Cantab—Fair Forest (J. Lisle), 8-10-2 T. Stack (100-30) 1
Sebastian V., ch g, by Henry Higgins—dam unknown (P. Jefferies), 7-10-7 ...... M. Barnes [illegible] 2
Francophile, br g, by French Beige—Desirous (S. Powell), 10-10-0 R. Lamb (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Glen Owen (4th), 20-1 Interview II, Fotterd. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 56p; places, [illegible] dual forecast: [illegible] W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. Hd. [illegible]

2.15 (2.15) **LANGBAURGH HURDLE** (Handicap: £306: 2m 176yd)

Tanera, b g, by Tanavar—Dancer (J. Manners), 6-10-0 A. Dickman (12-1) 1
Current Gold, ch g, by Current Coin—Souvergold (A. Pickett), 5-10-7 .... J. J. O'Neill (7-1) 2
Whispering Grace, br m, by Articulate—The Duchess of Bewick (S. Green), 10-12-7 D. Atkins (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Paint Job, 12-2 Marcus Lad (pu), 9-1 Epincure, 7-1 Frinal Bridge, 14-1 Emma J (4th), Summerford, 20-1 Velko Tune, 33-1 Irresistably, Supreme Sail. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.73; places, 43p, 19p, [illegible] Denys Smith, at Bishop Auckland. [illegible] Kings Games did not run.

2.45 (2.45) **WILTON STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap novices: £306: 2m)

Stay-Bell, b g, by Khalkis—Melos (Sir H. Fraser), 6-11-13 R. Barry (11-10 fav) 1
Aucklander, b h, by French Beige—[illegible] (N. Chamberlain), 10-10-3 .... R. Fletcher (20-1) 2
Subway, br g, by Sweet Nation—[illegible] Wells (W. Lockey), 7-11-2 ...... N. Tinkler (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 85-40 Fugal Deal, 12-1 Sunny Lady (4th), 20-1 Indoman, Dixs Done (f), Oscar Lad (f), Tabby. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 15p, 30p, [illegible] dual forecast £1.12. Mrs S. Chesmore, at Drymen. 8l, 3l.

3.15 (3.17) **HARDWICK HURDLE** (Handicap: novices: £306: 2m 176yds)

Miltoy, b g, by Milan—Mel's Toy (J. McNeill), 5-11-2 T. Leavy (6-1) 1
Perfect Match, br g, by Poaching—Well Matched (J. Appleton), 5-11-4 .. N. Tinkler (7-1 jt-fav) 2
Queen's Melody, br m, by Highland Melody—Society Queen (Mrs M. Dawson), 5-10-10 P. Mangan (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Mucaine, 11-2 Brig Park, 13-2 Spring Lilt (4th), 10-1 Crown Hotel, 10-1 Ego Trip, Hello Louis, 20-1 Another Kind, 33-1 Rum Year, Drakes Lesson (p). 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 48p, 22p, 36p. G. W. Richards, at Penrith. 7l, 1l. Mystic Queen did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Cantabel and Stay-Bell, £4.73. Treble: Stovepipe, Tanera and Miltoy, £130.15.

Tennis

Six sections in code of conduct

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

The Men's International Professional Tennis Council, a body that could loosely be described as a joint committee of players and administrators (its members have been drawn from the Association of Tennis Professionals and the International Lawn Tennis Federation), have issued a code of conduct that will be effective from January 1. In this area, as in others, the Council is assuming responsibilities formerly shouldered by the ATP, the ILTF or both.

One of the original aims of the ATP was to make the rules of the game more precise, reducing the scope for arbituary decisions. The Council's code of conduct may be seen as an extension of that policy. Many players have already sampled—and respected—firm and disciplinary procedures on the World Championship Tennis tour. They will now know exactly where they stand on the circuit as a whole. The deterrents of fines or suspensions (a thorny legal sanction in that it prevents a man from pursuing his livelihood) will have the authoritative joint backing of those who play the game and those who run it.

The code has six sections: punctuality, court behaviour, dress, tournament responsibility, entry into tournaments, and finally, some general notes. The nature of the code as a whole can be deduced from a few extracts:

"It shall be solely the player's responsibility to be dressed and ready to play when his match is called". After five minutes a system of fines becomes effective and after 15 minutes this will amount to $1,000 (about £500) and the player will be defaulted. The one-minute rule for changeovers will also be enforced, with a default after a third warning.

Various forms of petulance including profanity are also listed with appropriate fines: "Any player who verbally or physically abuses the umpire, officials, opponents or spectators shall be defaulted by the chair umpire, and fined $1,000". There will be a similar fine for any player who, in the opinion of the chair umpire and the referee, "is obviously not using his best efforts to win a match".

Players cannot accept unauthorized guarantees for playing in a tournament. Nor can they bet on a "formal" tennis competition (violation of this clause risks a fine of $5,000 and suspension). Players can chan[illegible] their tournament commitmen[illegible] only if they do so at least [illegible] days before the event begins.

A player who accumulates fin[illegible] of more than $3,000 for three [illegible] more offences in any 12-mon[illegible] period will be suspended for [illegible] days. A fine will be withhe[illegible] from a player's prize money a[illegible] forwarded to the Council, w[illegible] will then decide if part of [illegible] fine should be returned to [illegible] tournament concerned. If the fi[illegible] cannot be withheld from pr[illegible] money it must be paid directly [illegible] the Council within 30 days. Fi[illegible] then unpaid will be increased a[illegible] after 60 days a player who [illegible] not paid his fine can be suspend[illegible] for eight weeks.

In the cause of justice th[illegible] are references to "extenuat[illegible] circumstances", a "right [illegible] appeal" and hearings by [illegible] "grievance committee". Eve[illegible] one in the game, except for a [illegible] persistent offenders, will welco[illegible] this attempt—for the moment, [illegible] cannot be considered more than [illegible] attempt—to clarify and enforc[illegible] tougher code of conduct. Draft[illegible] such a code is one thing. [illegible] forcing it firmly and fairly [illegible] another. The worth of this c[illegible] cannot be assessed until we h[illegible] seen how effectively it works.

Skiing

Accidents raise new doubts on safety

Paris, Dec 8.—The death of a French skier and serious injuries to a Swiss during this weekend's opening alpine ski programme at Val d'Isère has led experts to the conclusion that downhill racing is too dangerous. Michel Dujon, aged 19, one of France's bright young hopes, died on Saturday of injuries sustained in a still unexplained fall during waxing trials on Friday. He was the tenth skier to die in competition since 1959.

According to preliminary inquiries his protective helmet was shattered by a rock sticking up through the snow. He fractured the base of his skull and died 36 hours later without regaining consciousness. During yesterday's race, six highly experienced and brilliant racers had nasty falls and though none were injured, the question of whether the less experienced skiers were risking their lives in downhill competitions was further revived.

The International Ski Federation (FIS) sets no minimum standard for the resistance of helmets, but the feeling among experts in Val d'Isère was that it is now essential to impose standards as tough as those set in motor racing. The FIS president, Marc Hodler, said: "I'm frightened about what can happen at the Olympics in Innsbruck in February."

Mr Hodler said: "It is clear that in ski jumping as well as the downhill a certain number of things, from helmets to the kind of ski suits and homologation of runs, have to be reviewed. It is a fact that we should be trying to return to more technical courses. The science of skiing must be given priority over daring."

In recent years ski resorts have redesigned their downhill runs with half an eye on speed. Five years ago in Megève, France, every bump of the run was removed after a Frenchman, Michel Bozon, killed himself there. The result is an extraordinarily fast but technically uninteresting run where there was a whole crop of nasty falls in a World Cup downhill last season.

But speed alone was not the cause of the accidents in Val d'Isère, where the times were much slower than a year ago. Acrobatic recoveries in the more difficult sections gave spectators the impression that the top men were skiing above their limits. One experienced observer commented: "It is an Olympic year and the pressure to do well is even greater. They are taking more risks."

Steps have been taken to minimize accidents. Last season the FIS swiftly banned new ski suits with so low a friction factor that a fallen skier went almost as fast on his back as on his skis. But the Olympic downhill champion, Bernhard Russi, of Switzerland, third in the downhill at Val d'Isère, is still not satisfied. "We must find solutions which no longer favour the man who has least fear or most luck, but the man who skis best and masters the difficulties of the course best. Over the past few years I have sometimes been frightened during a race. It is not normal. You can't practice a sport with the thought of danger at the back of your mind", he said.

New skis with superb glide "are almost always difficult to control", Russi said, but the use of "anti-slip" material in the skin-tight ski suits had cut the danger of serious injuries in falls. Russi said: "It is not the runs that have changed. It is the equipment which has improved. So maybe we should be thinking about how to slow the runs down, perhaps by putting in more directional gates, more extra bends. It is no use just ironing out the bumps. That just makes the runs faster."

Making the downhill slower, [illegible] therefore less spectacular, co[illegible] cost the sport many followers [illegible] Switzerland, France and Aust[illegible] but many experts believe that s[illegible] must be taken to avoid jeopar[illegible] ing lives. Some skiers now f[illegible] so strongly that in Val d'Is[illegible] they were talking seriously [illegible] forming an association of [illegible] racers, on the lines of the form[illegible] one racing car drivers' associati[illegible] to protect their interests.

In Geneva, the Internatio[illegible] Organization for Standardizat[illegible] (ISO) said today it was work[illegible] on standards for ski equipm[illegible] which might reduce acciden[illegible] Lack of internationally-agre[illegible] standards had created a great d[illegible] of confusion in the minds [illegible] skiers and retailers, with the res[illegible] that far too many people we[illegible] skiing with incorrectly-adjus[illegible] bindings, the ISO said.

The Geneva-based organizatio[illegible] an 80-nation non-governmen[illegible] body, said it was liaising w[illegible] manufacturers and medical exp[illegible] on the drafting of internatio[illegible] norms for ski bindings, test[illegible] equipment, binding screws, a[illegible] strengths of ski materials.

It had been calculated that [illegible] accidents cost Switzerland abo[illegible] £90m a year, and that 200,0[illegible] skiers a year in the United Sta[illegible] alone were injured, the ISO adde[illegible]

Basle, Switzerland, Dec 8. Roland Collombin, the Sw[illegible] skier who broke two vertebra[illegible] a fall at Val d'Isère on Saturda[illegible] was in satisfactory condition [illegible] hospital here today.

FLAINE, France. Men's Europ[illegible] Cup: Giant Slalom: 1, T. Jacob[illegible] (Sweden), 3min 5.11sec (25 pts); [illegible] O. Sorli (Norway), 3:05.35 [illegible] 3, P. Mahre (US), 3:06.11 [illegible] 4, M. Sochor (Czechoslovak[illegible] 3:06.21 (11); 5, G. Jones (US[illegible] 3:06.27 (8); 6, J. Oberfrank (Ita[illegible] and S. Mahre (US), both 3:0[illegible] (6 each). Overall pts (after [illegible] events): 1, S. Mahre, 26; 2, C. Neu[illegible] ther (W Germany) and Jacobson, [illegible] 4, P. Mahre 25; 5, Sorli, 20; 6, [illegible] Schlager (W Germany), 15.

Football

Bowles returns and is ready to play

Stanley Bowles, left out of the Queen's Park Rangers team against Manchester City at Maine Road on Saturday because of "personal reasons" is back in action today. He plays in a Rangers side against Willesden to mark the opening of the non-League club's new floodlights.

Bowles, who will play with Busby, Rogers and Shanks, had some good news yesterday. His mother, hurt in a car accident in Manchester last week, has left hospital. The Rangers secretary, Ronald Phillips said: "This may have been weighing heavily on his mind or at least had a major part in his decision not to play."

Bowles, who went to Manchester to see his mother at the weekend, resumed training with his colleagues at the West London stadium yesterday.

Luton Town, facing bankruptcy with debts of £724,000, but living on borrowed time after the sale of Peter Anderson to Royal Antwerp said yesterday that they will go ahead with plans to issue 100,000 £1 supporter shares.

The chief executive, Denis Mortimer, said: "We have received £80,000 for Anderson and that gives us valuable breathing space. It will keep us going while we work on various ideas to try to save the club.

"The shares issue is high on our list. From the reactions I have had it seems that the people of Luton will buy them. They don't want to see the club die. Actually we hope to sell some large blocks of shares. But we will be happy to sell them one at a time as well."

Manchester United have called off plans to sign the Irish boy wonder, Martin Murray. He was involved in a welter of publicity last week, including one television interview in which he said that a club had offered him £12,000 to join them. Murray was due to arrive at Old Trafford yesterday.

However, United telephoned his club, Home Farm in Dublin, and told him not to make the journey. Tommy Docherty, the manager, said: "We decided the whole thing was being badly handled from the Home Farm end. We like to see players do their stuff first, and then do the talking.

"We have been watching the boy for two and a half years and have had conflicting reports. But having looked at the situation closely, we feel that we already have better players of the same age. We are no longer interested in Murray."

Fulham are still hoping to sign Rodney Marsh, after talks between their manager, Alec Stock, and Beauclerc Rogers, the owner of the American club, Tampa Ba[illegible] Rowdies, who hope Marsh w[illegible] join them from Manchester C[illegible] this week. The deal could [illegible] that he would play in the Uni[illegible] States in the summer and in En[illegible] land during the Football Leag[illegible] season. Crystal Palace are als[illegible] still interested in Marsh.

Derek Dougan, the forme[illegible] Northern Ireland and Wolve[illegible] hampton Wanderers player, [illegible] ready to accept the position o[illegible] chief executive with Souther[illegible] League Kettering. Dougan, wh[illegible] retired from League footba[illegible] seven months ago, will not [illegible] play for Kettering. He will ha[illegible] unlimited control of their affai[illegible]

Today's fixtures

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP: FINA[illegible] second leg: Fulham v Middlesbro[illegible] (7.30).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First divisi[illegible] north: Banbury v Bedworth (7.30).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First divisi[illegible] Wycombe Wanderers v Southall [illegible] (7.30).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAG[illegible] Bangor City v Macclesfield (7.30).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Su[illegible] v RAF (at Lewes, 7.30).
OTHER MATCH: Peter Sto[illegible] testimonial: Arsenal v Feyeno[illegible] (7.30).
RUGBY UNION: Oxford v C[illegible] bridge (at Twickenham 2.15); Ma[illegible] v Pontypridd (7.15).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodlit com[illegible] tion, semi-final round: Dewsbu[illegible] Leeds (7.15).

Table tennis

Russian side are excluded from championships

Anatoly Strokatov and Elmira Antonian, of Russia, will not defend their singles titles in the Norwich Union international table tennis championships at Brighton from January 8 to 10. Confirmation of their entries had not been received when the draw for the championships was made in London yesterday. Indeed, the whole Russian team has been excluded.

More than a month ago the Russians sent a letter indicating that they would be sending a team of five, presumably two men, two women and a non-playing captain. But they have failed to answer two cables sent during the past week, asking for the names of the competitors. John Wright, the championship referee, said: "Even if we hear during the next day or two the Russians will not be able to play. The entires are now closed."

Albert Shipley, the administrative secretary of the English Association, said: "I am not surprised by this absence of any confirmation from the Russians. They have not played in any European tournament this season." The top seeds in the men's singles will be Anton Stipancic, of Yugoslavia, and ranked second in the world, and Kjell Johannson of Sweden, the former European champion.

MEN: A. Stipancic (Yugoslavia) v J. Hilton (Cheshire); P. Sandstrom (Sweden) v Qualifier; N. Jarvis v D. Nassaux (Belgium); S. Bengtsson (Sweden) v J. Wilson (Scotland); D. Neale v A. Kitchener; J. Vikstrom (Sweden) v Qualifier; F. Timar (Hungary) v C. Martin (France); K. Johansson (Sweden) v N. Slobbe (Netherlands).

WOMEN: A.-C. Hellman (Sweden) v Qualifier; B. Thiriet (France) v M. V. D. Vliet (Netherlands); J. Hammersley v J. Tetter (Austria); H. Letellier (Hungary) v M. Ludi (Cleveland).

Cricket

Hughes and Marsh lead rally by W Australia

Perth, Dec 8.—A century by 21-year-old Kim Hughes and some big hitting by Rodney Marsh highlighted a spirited Western Australian rally against the West Indian cricketers here today.

The touring team toiled in fierce heat with scant reward as the state plundered 394 runs for the loss of four wickets in their second innings. The marathon innings gave Western Australia an overall lead of 206 runs in their second innings.

Meanwhile, Clive Lloyd, the West Indies captain went to hospital today for heat treatment to his injured back. Lloyd aggravated the injury during his innings of 105 yesterday. It is not yet known whether it will keep him out of the rest of the match which is scheduled to finish tomorrow.

The biggest worry is whether he will recover sufficiently to take part in the second Test which starts here next Friday. Lloyd's innings was the best century seen here since Barry Richards scored 325 in a day for South Australia against Western Australia in the 1970-71 season.

Hughes was playing in only his fourth first-class match. He scored 119 on his first state appearance, against New South Wales, here last month, and today he again batted with the assurance of a veteran to hit 102, including 13 boundaries, in a stay of 153 minutes. He eventually fell when edging a ball from Holder to Murray, who dived to his right to hold the catch.

Marsh came to the wicket 15 minutes before the close of play and immediately attacked with some some remarkable hitting to score 44 not out. He hammered two sixes and eight fours [illegible] Holder and Julien in the firs[illegible] minutes he was at the creas[illegible] was a spectacular display in [illegible] of bright hitting by the [illegible] batsmen.

The pattern was set by [illegible] openers Edwards and Laird, [illegible] resumed at their overnight [illegible] of 10. They put on 116 in [illegible] minutes. Edwards, a former [illegible] match opening batsman, s[illegible] an attractive 61, but Laird w[illegible] little more sedate in compil[illegible] patient 77.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: First innings, 201 for 9 wkts dec ([illegible] 100 not out, R. S. Lange[illegible] D. Boyce 5 for 73)

Second Innings
R. J. Edwards, c and b Padmore [illegible]
B. M. Laird, l-b-w, b Fredericks [illegible]
R. Charlesworth, b Boyce [illegible]
K. Hughes, c D. A. Murray, b [illegible] Holder [illegible]
R. S. Langer not out [illegible]
R. W. Marsh, not out [illegible]
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 1, nb 6) [illegible]

Total (4 wkts) [illegible]

I. J. Brayshaw, M. [illegible] Paulsen, S. Jones, T. M. Ald[illegible] to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—116, 2—[illegible] 3—206, 4—346.

BOWLING: Holder, 10—1—6[illegible] Julien, 9—0—68—0; Boyce, [illegible] 59—1; Padmore, 27—[illegible] Fredericks, 13—0—57—1; Rich[illegible] 6—0—29—0.

WEST INDIANS: First innings [illegible] (V. A. Richards 175, R. C. Fred[illegible] 108, C. H. Lloyd 100).

MELBOURNE: Sheffield [illegible] South Australia 279 for 6 dec [illegible] Victoria 275 for 7 dec and [illegible] Yallop 62, A. A. Mallet[illegible] W. Prior 3 for 28; G. R. [illegible] 3 for 40). South Australia [illegible] seven runs.

SYDNEY: Sheffield Shield [illegible] land 381 and 376 for [illegible] Ogilvie 132 not out, [illegible] New South Wales 260 and [illegible] (A. Turner 86 not out [illegible]

ACCRA: Three-day match: [illegible] 175 and 83; Uganda 155 and [illegible] 8. Match drawn.

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Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

Dressing the part

...en boots reappeared as a n item in the mid-sixties bad been confined to the ard or the shooting lodges 1915, when they first d concurrent to the ilev/Ballets Russes kick) s immediately apparent the British insistence on cality before style was to be put to the test. no longer a shorthand Wellies but sprung full from the fashion beads were, while for The Savoy and the Street by their originators expected by their pur- to withstand Scottish es, the impact of whatever per square inch generated ping over stiles, a fastness our unknown to all but who have managed to some ineradicable stain ir favourite dress and a nce to bashing seldom outside the punch-ball.

press was black with type when is a fashion boot fashion boot but a thing iently ergonomic to scale Himalayas in, and indeed ispute about whether foot- is necessity or frivolity is much in dispute, which is it was so exceptionally of Edward Rayne to get front of a lot of meta- cal durable goods suppor- at the BBSI conference tell them that, surprise sur- shoes are fashion.

fear that much the same is in store for the new hailed "ethnic" clothes, purls and plains and Peru- intarsia and digital toes are in evidence now. indeed of this new self- cient clothing is genuinely and durable, but much of adapted country-style town es, so tweedy and solid in rance, can offer nothing genuinely redolent of old wear gear than that gic doggy smell when wet. root of the problem is in When the things are designed and smart enough he fashion-conscious, they expensive that only those view a garment as a com- le investment and have rtable investments to pay hem are the shoppers, and he whole they mitigate ist fashion.

I wonder if something could be done to improve the cut style of the clothes made ur marvellous cloths by our manufacturers. It is so to see good material turned such ordinary clothes, cially when one knows that talians and Spanish can do h such flair, and when one knows that the designer t in our art schools could e same here", wrote Mrs tte Cole to me apropos ecent piece Postive Think- and how grateful I am to for putting her finger on sely the pulse which is g now in a once magnifi- industry.

wever, scolded as I have by another reader for entrating on the wider s and not giving her gh entertainment or advice mmediate fashion problems, w leap into the regular mative slot beloved by on editors, and though you well end up looking like Michelin man (and he has ppeal, certainly) cold, and verished you shall not be. iple one is simple. The per the garment, the r the cloth, the thinner the the colder you will be you get north of Euston. ion: layers of clothing.

u can maintain the chic silhouette by wearing r your outers real inners from Pindisports, have shops at 14-18 orn, EC1, 26 Old Bond t, the Brompton Arcade, Whitgift Centre in Croydon Martineau Square, Birming- Frozen hands may be ed in silk for £3.50, and est of you (or him) in silk undies from £26.95. of Halifax (Yorkshire, by way, not Nova Scotia) you probably have to resort to er stuff, and for this I st the small ads in the ay papers.

you can tear yourself from having your name ssed in gold on everything hancing your private life black leather additions to lingerie drawer, you can act find gloves, socks, cers" flying jackets (such to know the sky is filled officers as well as airline still) long johns and pants, to say nothing of Shetland sweaters at a which makes you realize the industry is crumbling. he Catherine Pakenham Memorial Award, a prize of modest financial and I hope substantial moral dimensions, was set up to commemorate, in a rightly living form, the death of a young journalist in 1969. This year it fell to my lot, as a judge, to present the awards, an occasion in which the opportunity and privilege of seeing the talent which lies in *store* for the media was somewhat offset by the unrivalled terror of having to comment on the craft which I try, and I do try, to practise.

However, the alarm was mitigated by the captivating and as always hopelessly frank preamble by my host, Lord Longford. In this he revealed that as a leader writer for a newspaper long ago he had in fact been charged with producing fashion columns, too, though quite what were his views on blue sleeves or *godets* was imprecisely expounded. What was so nice was to find that somebody else agrees that fashion or design, or however you wish to describe it, is one of those life pervading things which can really be written about by anyone, much as I feel a regular desire to write the leader articles, were I not so sure that apoplexy would ensue after the search for the adjectives of every bungled political, social or human issue of late.

Indeed, such and any of my colleagues who might feel uneasy about my ambitions may here and now be calmed by the confession that I find most outdoor sports too long or too cold to report, much theatre dull, many books self-indulgent, politics frustrating, diplomacy fun, Rome and Paris heaven, and films quite too terrifying. How can one review with half or three quarters of the shows spent with one's head under the seat? Opera of course is quite all right because I have Bernard Levin to direct me.

All this makes me feel even more admiration for Alexander Walker, distinguished film critic of the *Evening Standard*, for venturing not just into print on fashion but choosing *Vogue* as his platform. Mr Walker rehearses (in the December issue) at some length the skill of the designers who dressed the film stars for the major points in their roles. I say dressed, because the tenor of the article, as I read it, is one of sadness at the passing of a code of clothes which made sub-titles practically unnecessary; in the silent days the Good Woman was in white, the Bad Woman in black (the men got the same treatment too, though they had moustaches to play with—I suppose women had cleavages, come to think of it), country life was redolent with gingham, pushing career girls wore square shouldered suits and lots of panstick. "Generally the wardrobe department got it right first time. They knew the form, they had the *style*, Gina Lollobrigida's, for instance, as the town's busiest call-girl in *Go Naked to the World* who lets conscience claim her, steals a symbolically pure white shift from a clothes line, hangs up her fur (the all-purpose sable) in its place and leaps over a cliff in Acapulco." Mr Walker's vivacious style makes it hard not to think that Acapulco is just another of these burgeoning Spanish designers, but pulling myself together I feel sure it is a place.

"Whereas taking off your ordinary clothes in films meant that only *one* thing, sex, was to follow, casting off your couture wardrobe usually denoted *penitence*", *he goes on*, unaware perhaps that many of the old-time Hollywood great producers had themselves a background in the rag or fur trade and naturally were not one to cast off a couture dress for anything as messy as sex.

Jane Fonda, writes Mr Walker (incidentally the most charming man) in Vadim's *The Game is Over*, "flirted with her stepson in striped chinchilla, deceived her husband in black sequins, abandoned herself to adultery in a white silk wrap, Eskimo-hooded and marabou-trimmed ...".

Leaving aside that again vivacious style which again makes one pause to work out if it is the stepson who is wearing striped chinchilla or the husband black sequins, what Mr Walker really does superbly is to show up why films have died out. They present a totally inaccurate picture of life, when honesty is the cry. Though hardly an expert, I would hazard that most marital infidelities take place between taking the children to school and fetching them from the dentist and the dress of the lady is most likely to be trousers and shirt. As for adultery, who ever had time to slip into a marabou-trimmed wrap between the words "Take a letter, Miss Smith" and "You're looking rather fetching, my dear. Come and sit on my knee for your dictation." Alas, life is less romantic than the movies.

But as for what women will wear as the world disintegrates (though can it, when I can still collect our small daughter from Brownies in a uniform which the missionaries might have selected for some particularly promiscuous tribe?) Mr Walker need not worry. Read this page. Women, as all readers know, have never been more enchanting, more intellectual, more youthful or more chic, as they await the new conquerors of our exhausted society. Anyway, that is what the artists tell me.

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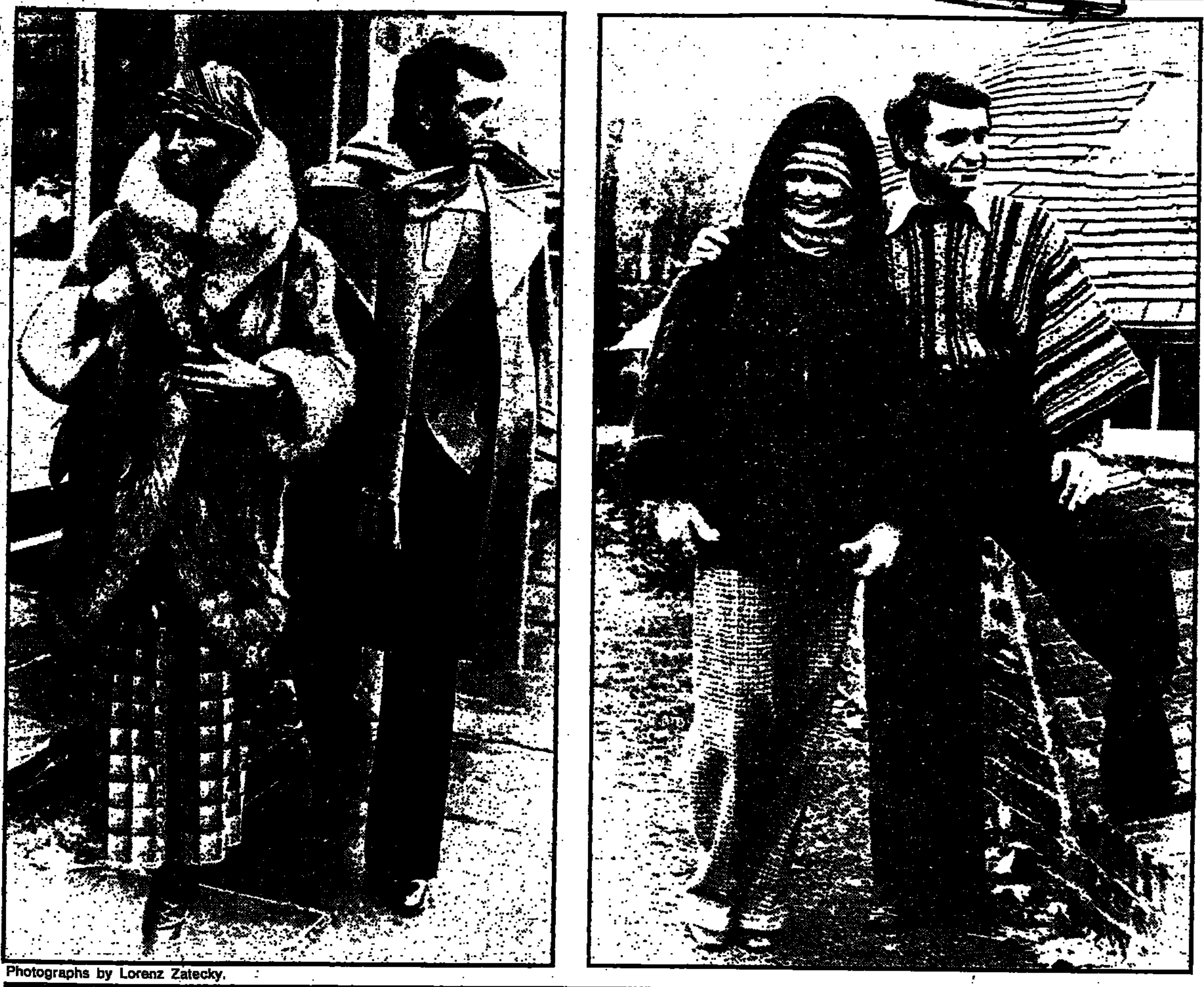

Photographs by Lorenz Zatecky.

Two furs that are photographed on our page, won 1st prize in the Seventh Saga Mink Design competition, this year.

● Far Left: Elegantly shaped sapphire Saga mink coat trimmed with fox, designed by Richard Bruce. Chosen to be made, and available to order from Konrad Furs, 12, South Molton Street, London W.1, at £1,080. Worn over a tweed check skirt designed by Wendy Dagworthy. The skirt fastens at the front with toggles and is edged with decorative stitching. Sizes 8-14. Janet Wilson, Beauchamp Place, S.W.3. Robina, Park Road, N.W.1. Parkers of Hampstead, in pink and green tweed. £25.

Liberty print Varuna wool cloche from Liberty's hat department. In a selection of prints. £9.50.

Man's outfit by Irvine Sellars. Available from all their branches. Camel and cream tweed jacket, sizes 36"-44". Other colour, brown, £29.95. Trousers, in a wide selection of colours, £9.95. Thick knit pullover with toggle fastening at the neck. In cream and brown at £8.95. Overcoat with a tie belt, in black, green, brown and camel at £34.95. Scarf from a selection at £3.95.

● Left: Demi-buff Saga mink jacket designed by Antony Kwok. It has a perfectly shaped hood, wide cuffs and mink pom-pom ties at the neck. Chosen to be made, and available from K. West Furs, 21, Heddon Street, London W.1, at £850. Worn over check tweed trousers, tapered, with turn-ups. Designed by Wendy Dagworthy, from Janet Wilson and Julie Fitzmorris of Harrogate. Sizes 8-14, £27.50. Tweed colours, green, pink, brown.

Cashmere cowl neck sweater, from Liberty's of Regent Street, W.1. many colours at £27

Knitted pull on hat and gloves by Lionel Fisher, at £3 and £2.75. In assorted mottled colours at S. Fisher, Burlington Arcade, London W.1, Stanley Adams, Kings Road, S.W.3.

Man's Outfit:

Striped, heavy knit Kimono jumper with drop shoulder seams, from a range designed by Angus Stewart. Available, or to order, in a stripe or soft colours at £24. Embroidered cotton smock shirt, in white and other colours, £12, and draw string cotton trousers. Sizes medium and large at £18, in white, green, blue and brown. From Macondo, 111 Walton Street, S.W.3.

GOING METRIC-PROGRESS REPORT

TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE

You've probably noticed how more and more things in the shops these days have changed over to metric. Here is the latest news on what is happening, from the manufacturers and retailing organisations concerned.

What's going metric

In the middle of this advertisement you'll see a list of just some of the everyday things that are being sold in metric already.

For instance, you may have bought some fabrics in metric yourself. Most clothes are marked in centimetres these days as well as inches. You may have seen, *too*, that some brands of salt and pasta are already metric. And the Post Office went metric in September.

In the next few weeks flaked breakfast cereals like cornflakes start their change-over. Many shops are selling DIY products in metric already, and many more will have changed by next spring.

Cans and drums of lubricating oil and grease have been changing to metric sizes this year. Bulk sales in metric of oil products, including central heating oil, start from next January. There are no immediate plans to sell petrol by the litre, and for the time being milk and draught beer stay as they are.

Sugar starts to go metric in the shops from July 1976. And more and more you'll see the weight markings on prepacked confectionery in grams as well as ounces.

NOTE TO CONFECTIONERY RETAILERS

Manufacturers have stated that loose confectionery will be priced by metric weight by the end of 1976. To avoid a last-minute rush, it would be wise to make early arrangements to have your scales converted to read in both grams and ounces. Contact your scale manufacturer or servicing agent now.

Some everyday items now being sold in metric:

- Beds
- Blankets
- Sheets
- Pillowcases
- Carpets
- Rugs
- Furnishing fabrics
- Dress fabrics and patterns
- Knitting patterns and yarns
- Sewing threads
- Detergents
- Bleaches
- Disinfectants
- Furniture polish
- Wine
- Soft drinks
- Fruit juices
- Cider
- Ice cream
- Cooking oils
- Biscuits
- Household paints
- Nails
- Timber
- Cement
- Garden supplies
- Kitchen units
- Light bulbs
- Kitchen scales
- Kitchen foil
- Medical supplies
- Toothpastes
- Deodorants
- Shampoos
- Pet foods
- Shoe laces

Some rhymes to help you

To help you remember the main metric measures here are three short rhymes:

A metre measures three foot three
It's longer than a yard, you see

One metre is approximately 39.37 in.

A litre of water's
A pint and three quarters

One litre is approximately 1.76 pints.

Two and a quarter pounds of jam
Weigh about a kilogram

One kilogram is approximately 2.204 lb.

For more information:

If you'd like some leaflets about Britain going metric, you can get them through: your local Consumer Advice Centre; Citizen's Advice Bureau; Trading Standards Officer; Consumer Protection Officer; Inspector of Weights and Measures; Women's Institute; Women's Royal Voluntary Service; Rural Community Council; or from the Metrication Board.

The Metrication Board 22 Kingsway, London WC2B 6LE

Eight oil companies agree in principle with 51 per cent state participation in N Sea oil

House of Commons

MR STEEL (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L) asked if the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was satisfied with the percentage of revenues from North Sea oil that would accrue to the Government, in light of his negotiations with the oil companies concerned.

MR HAROLD LEVER (Manchester, Central, Lab)—The participation negotiations are not intended to increase Government revenue, but to secure a greater share of the oil and closer links with development. Taxation and royalties are the means for giving the British people their fair share of the profits.

MR ALEX FLETCHER (Edinburgh, North, C)—What will be the advantages of these protracted negotiations? Will they speed the flow of oil or help to ease our balance of payments? Will they increase the confidence the oil companies have in future searches for more oilfields in the North Sea?

MR LEVER—The purposes of these participation negotiations have been stated and restated in the House, in the White Paper, and elsewhere. The purpose is to add to the know-how of the Government in this area and to give us flexible administrative control over the oil.

Nothing is done in these negotiations that jeopardizes confidence in developments in the North Sea. The furore aroused by Opposition MPs here is not evident among the oil companies, whose development expenditure in the North Sea in the last 12 months has rapidly increased.

There is no intention whatever of any jeopardy to the oil achievement as a result of these participation negotiations. Moreover, in no case does it lessen the reward; in many ways, it actually adds to the speed of the oil development.

MR CANAVAN (West Stirlingshire, Lab) asked the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster for a further statement on the progress of his negotiations on North Sea oil participation.

MR LEVER—Negotiations are continuing to make progress, and eight companies have now agreed in principle with 51 per cent state participation in their North Sea oilfields.

MR CANAVAN—He should reveal the name of the latest fish in the net. Bearing in mind that he started fishing a year ago in the North Sea, the total catch of eight out of over 20 companies is not spectacular fishing. Some of the eight are mere tadpoles. When does he expect to complete these vital negotiations and hand over responsibility to the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Benn), instead of leaving it to the multinational companies?

MR LEVER—The achievements of Mr Canavan as a fisherman must have been more satisfactory than most others, if he imagines so complex and large a task can be accomplished in a period of a few months.

Enormous progress has been made. These are not tiddlers. These companies include some of the greatest oil companies in the world, and some with the biggest holdings in the North Sea—like BP. The companies are large scale operators.

What Mr Canavan does not realize is that these negotiations, which I have announced as being successful in principle already, are only the tip of the iceberg.

Many more companies are in discussion with us which have reached a promising stage. If MPs show a little patience, they will get delivery of the Cabinet mandate in a manner to their satisfaction, and, I am sure, to the satisfaction of the oil companies, which is necessary too.

MR PATRICK JENKIN, Opposition spokesman on energy (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C)—Mr Lever said it was never the intention of the Government that participation should add to the Government's revenue take from oil. Will he explain why Lord Balogh said in the House of Lords a month ago that we are "in this for the money"?

MR LEVER—On Lord Balogh, I will have to see which questions Mr Jenkin is referring to. I am answering this question, and the answer is full and accurate.

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab)—Does he feel these negotiations are proceeding with more, or less success than the negotiations for British representation at the forthcoming Paris energy conference? What proportion of future output will the eight companies be representing, and when does he anticipate the outstanding negotiations will be concluded?

He should assure the House that his highly important negotiations are in no way affected by his other considerable responsibilities such as supervising the arts and advising the Chancellor of the Exchequer?

MR LEVER—My ability to discharge the various range of duties placed upon me is a judgment which must be left to the Prime Minister. Mr Cryer is quite free to have his own judgments and to make such representations to the Prime Minister as he feels appropriate. (Laughter.)

On the achievements, I can only tell him that I am satisfied with the way in which the negotiations are proceeding. I have every confidence that the result will be to the satisfaction of everybody, and equally satisfied that to show impatience and lack of concern for the anxieties and problems of each oil company would be to risk the achievement in the North Sea.

MR TAPSELL (Horncastle, C)—Is he in a position to give a firm assurance that it is not the intention of the Government, either now or in future, to sell off any part of North Sea oil either to the Government of Iran or Saudia Arabia?

MR LEVER—He must not expect the same rationalized generalization of future intentions from this Government as was common under the last.

MRS BAIN (East Dunbartonshire, Scot Nat)—It comes as little surprise to my party that little progress has been made by the Government in negotiations with the oil companies, since we are much aware of the failure of this Government and their predecessors to negotiate reasonable terms with these companies over exploration licences. These were handed out like Kojak's lollypops to these companies.

He should consider our suggestion that instead of handing over these responsibilities, which can only be on an interim basis, to the Secretary of State for Energy, they should go to the Secretary of State for Scotland, and, eventually to the Scottish Assembly.

MR LEVER—I do not accept her premise, and therefore it is not surprising that I cannot go with her in her conclusions. The Secretary of State for Energy is not altogether unaware of these negotiations. He is much concerned with them and we are all working closely in ensuring a satisfactory outcome.

Inquiry into petrol pricing and discounts

MR HUCKFIELD (Nuneaton, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection for a further statement on petrol retailers' margins.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS—The Price Commission's final report on motor fuel retailers' margins was published in August. It concluded that the gross and net margins had fallen and were unlikely to recover until the market adjusted to a smaller retail network.

MR HUCKFIELD—Is Mrs Williams satisfied with the kind of situation where before the last price increase many agents were offering up to 15p discount on retail prices and even now after the recent price increases, we are still having discounts of 10p to 15p being offered?

If these discounts can be offered, why was a price increase granted?

MRS WILLIAMS—The price rise was granted on United Kingdom costs and not on the basis of worldwide profits.

I share Mr Buckfield's disquiet and as a consequence we are expecting shortly a reference to be made to the Monopolies Commission with reference to the relationship between the oil companies and retail outlets.

We have arranged a separate inquiry by my department and the Department of Energy into the way in which retail prices and discounts in this country are established by the oil companies. (Labour cheers.)

MR STEEL (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—In referring this to the Monopolies Commission will Mrs Williams ask them to look in particular at the recent practice of the oil companies of charging more for smaller quantities of fuel? This is paralysing the smaller retailers whose tanks are not big enough to take large amounts. This seems to be a thoroughly bad practice which is resulting in large increases in costs for people in rural areas.

MRS WILLIAMS—A number of references for a special inquiry have been made to the Price Commission on this particular aspect of small quantities in rural areas. It will certainly be an aspect I will ask the Director General of Fair Trading to look into.

MR WIGLEY (Caernarvon, Pl Cymru)—Whereas in many cities 15p discount may be available, in rural areas in part of Wales, they certainly are not available, and no one can shop around to find them. This is in an area where car transport is a necessity, not a luxury.

MRS WILLIAMS—The pattern of discounts has been a disparate one in different parts of the United Kingdom. What has been said about rural areas is also true of a number of cities.

Pay restraint causing inflation to slow down

MR PETER MORRISON (City of Chester, C) asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection what was the 12 month increase in the retail price index at the latest available date?

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab)—The year on year figure for the all items index has fallen for the second successive month, the first time that this has happened since May, 1972. This deceleration in inflation is expected to become more pronounced as the full effects of the £6 limit work through.

MR MORRISON—In spite of the fact that inflation will not be running at quite the level it was three months ago, it is still running at a horrendous level. Does she not agree that so long as public expenditure continues to run at something near £10,000m a year the retail price index is bound to increase and what recommendations has she made to the Chancellor on this matter?

MRS WILLIAMS—I do not accept his presumptions. We have seen a fall for two months running. The six months' figure shows a figure of 10.4 per cent, annual rate 21.9 per cent, and three months' figure, 12.4 per cent.

What is indisputable is that there has been a steady deceleration in the rate of inflation and the main reason for that is the restraint that has been shown by those in a good position to bargain for higher wages. This is having a visible effect on the retail price index. Undoubtedly our policy up to now is on target.

MR HEFFER (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—The trade unions have accepted the £6 limit. What other actions is she going to take, and are the Government going to take, in relation to other reasons for inflation? Obviously the question of wages is not the whole content of inflation.

MRS WILLIAMS—No, I do not think I have ever suggested it was. It is simply one factor. There are other factors. Certain commodities show a reduced rate of increase compared with a year ago, and this is helpful. There have been signs of a decelerating increase in rates and things of that kind.

MR LAWSON (Blaby, C)—Does she not accept that import controls would of necessity raise prices? What is her position and that of her department towards import controls? What representations has she made to colleagues who are concerned with other aspects of this?

MRS WILLIAMS—Mr Lawson will not expect me to reveal Government discussions. He and I know that there is some slight effect of import controls on prices but it depends on the length, breadth and items contained in import control.

Talks continuing on moves to hold down prices

MR MICHAEL THOMAS (Newcastle upon Tyne, East, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection for a statement on the progress of her negotiations for price restraint.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS—Discussions are proceeding with the CBI, the Retail Consortium and with individual trade associations. I believe the negotiations will succeed because industry and commerce recognize how vital success is in the battle against inflation and the need to concentrate the initial benefits of declining costs on important items in the family budget.

The item in the scheme (she added later) will be drawn from most areas of consumer spending and selection of items will depend on the outcome of negotiations with industry. Therefore, the scheme will contain items within and some outside the retail price index.

MRS SALLY OPPENHEIM, chief Opposition spokesman on prices and consumer protection (Gloucester, C)—How many items will she accept as an absolute minimum, taken from the list her department has circulated, in any voluntary agreement she may enter into? Will she confirm that for every price held down under cross-subsidization, another price will have to rise by more than it would otherwise do?

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS—No, I cannot because we are consulting with industry and it would be inappropriate to do so on the basis of a series of dogmatic positions. It is not the case that every item within price restraint will depend on cross-subsidization. Some, but not all, will.
the selective price restraint

Answering questions later about scheme. she said: Efforts have been taken to make sure that there will be an exemption clause if a particular item unexpectedly rises in such a way as to make it impossible to exercise price restraint.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, second reading.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Statute Law Revision (Northern Ireland) Bill, Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill and Trustee Savings Banks Bill, second reading. Debate on select committee report on County of

Protests at comment on fiddling of index

MR WAKEHAM (Maldon, C) asked how the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection proposed to bring the cross-subsidization of products by manufacturers and retailers, proposed as part of the selective price restraint scheme, within the terms of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act.

MR MACLENNAN, Under Secretary—The selective price restraint scheme is designed to keep down the prices of a range of items of importance in family expenditure and the Secretary of State will be ready to use her powers under Section 2 of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1968 to approve agreements, made at her request in pursuit of the scheme, which relate exclusively to prices to be charged and whose object is to restrict increases in those prices. She has no power to approve agreements designed to increase prices.

MR WAKEHAM—As the Government seem to be aware of the danger of this scheme possibly distorting the retail price index, will they take steps to see that appropriate publicity is given to any distortion which might occur so that the credibility of the retail price index does not take the battering it took at the last election?

MR MACLENNAN—Everyone has sought to discredit the retail price index as an effective and accurate account of the movement of prices. The Secretary of State will be issuing a consultation document to the price code designed to enable firms to increase the price of their products where it is necessary to enable them to hold down the prices of items included in the price scheme.

MR LAMONT, an Opposition spokesman of prices and consumer protection (Kingston upon Thames, C)—If the retail price index is to be fiddled in this manner—(Labour cries of "Shame")—what compensation are the Government going to give to subscribers to the index linked savings scheme or is the answer that it does not mean much for the long-term rate of inflation?

MR MACLENNAN—He ought to withdraw that remark because he is suggesting that the Secretary of State is engaged in some dishonest practice. That is untrue. I ask him to withdraw that remark which is inappropriate and unfitting to a front bench spokesman. (Labour shouts of "Withdraw".)

Later.

MR MIKE THOMAS (Newcastle upon Tyne, East, Lab), on a point of order, asked that Mr Lamont should withdraw the remark he made about the Secretary of State "rigging" the retail price index.

The SPEAKER—The actual word he used was "fiddling". I must say I deprecate words of that sort. I did not construe he was intending any dishonesty, but I regret it.

MR LAMONT—I in no way intended to imply the Secretary of State was behaving dishonestly or disreputably. I was merely referring to the attempt I found futile—and in the long run artificial—to hold down prices.

Market toll

MR WELLS (Maidstone, C) unsuccessfully sought leave for an emergency debate on the proposal of Covent Garden Market Authority to impose a toll on all fresh fruit and vegetables passing through the market at Nine Elms.

Price of sherry in supermarkets

MR McCRINDLE (Brentwood and Ongar, C) asked if the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection was satisfied that there was no undue profiteering by supermarkets on the sale of sherry.

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister of State (Swansea, West, Lab)—The price code limits the profit which any supermarket can make on its business as a whole. Traders are free to take a higher margin on an individual product such as sherry, provided their margins on other goods are correspondingly lower.

MR McCRINDLE—With such wide price variations as 42p on a bottle of Celebration Cream and 30p on a bottle of Emva Cream, is he satisfied that this is simply a method of those employing the lower price using sherry as a loss leader and that there is no element of profiteering? Is he sure that this squares with the price code?

MR WILLIAMS—It does square with the price code. I read the points he made in his comments to the newspapers. In virtually every instance the price he quoted was below the manufacturers' recommended price. I am sure he would not want to deny the consumer the advantage of lower prices.

I would conclude from his interest in this matter that he has become an enthusiastic convert to our price information service. It is clear that the public stands to benefit in a whole range of products from having price comparative information available.

Oil no magic potion to transform Britain

MR PATRICK JENKIN, Opposition spokesman on energy (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C), opening a debate on the effects of Government policy on offshore oil, said the Opposition wished to expose the dangerous fallacy in the euphoric and unrealistic Government attitude to the impact the oil industry would have. They seemed to believe that United Kingdom oil would be some kind of magic potion which would miraculously transform the whole of their future to enable Britain to become one of the richest and most powerful nations in the world.

That was the attitude which had undoubtedly caused the Foreign Secretary's ill-starred swagger and bluster at Luxembourg last month, ending in humiliation in Rome not only for Mr Callaghan but for the Prime Minister and the whole nation. Mr Wilson's repeated references to Britain joining Opec were calculated to cause the maximum offence and Mr Benn had approached his responsibilities in a way which showed he totally failed to understand the harsh realities of the situation.

To talk of summoning a world conference of state oil industries when the British National Oil Corporation still comprised Lord Kearton and a secretary displayed delusions of grandeur approaching paranoia.

Although the Chequers strategy paper spelt out the causes of economic weakness with admirable frankness, neither oil nor oil revenues would by themselves meet any of the matters dealt with there.

It is we, the whole British nation (he said), not our oil revenues which must resolve to solve the deepseated ills from which we suffer. Of course, they will help, with their effect on the balance of payments, but that is not Nirvana.

The Opposition also wanted to expose the steadily deteriorating oil scene in Britain and pin the blame squarely where it belonged—on the British Government and their misbegotten obsession with nationalizing 51 per cent of offshore oil.

The uncertainty thus created had been the killer of confidence which had strangled the offshore industry. Ministers had displayed a complacency which was breathtaking when compared with the facts.

Participation negotiations were becoming a shambles but until certainty returned there was little chance of the momentum of oil development returning. Until it did, workers in the oil industry would continue to go on the dole.

Government policies (he said) are putting at risk even those benefits which it is realistic to expect to flow from United Kingdom oil.

Pinning exaggerated hopes on the benefits which would flow would forfeit and deserved to forfeit any shred of confidence the Government might retain.

Looking at development of United Kingdom oil in isolation, the picture looked by no means unattractive, but one must look overall at the balance of payments.

If figures from a recent study by the European Institute of Business Administration were right, there would be no balance of payments bonanza as a result of North Sea oil. Oil would do little more than avert for a few years the catastrophe that would have overwhelmed the United Kingdom economy. Ministers trying to pretend otherwise were deluding themselves and deceiving the nation. Nor could they look to the oil revenues to the Exchequer. The country faced a series of dreadful Budget deficits.

The interest payments alone on the national debt between now and 1981 would be double the estimated oil revenues flowing to the Exchequer by that date. It was ludicrous to argue, as the Prime Minister had, that oil was going to be the foundation for a twentieth century revolution. The only revolution Mr Wilson faced would be the one in his own party when they realized how they were being fooled by language of that sort. (Conservative cheers.)

Whatever the benefits of United Kingdom oil would be, those benefits were being spent now in the deficits the Government were running up. If they spent it now they could not spend it again later. That was a truth that ought to be shouted from the rooftops.

The rundown in exploration rates had come about because of lack of confidence brought on by the foolish and irrelevant policy of 51 per cent Government participation. Until companies knew details of the cash flow of operations they could not spend their money.

An article in The Sunday Times had said the idea that participation should be reduced to a paper transaction in which the BNOC acquired half the oil and immediately sold it back, widely favoured by the Treasury, was a mere charade.

Was it true that the department was negotiating with some companies on those terms? If so, when unemployment came to the platform yards the direct cause would be the Government's damaging obsession with participation and their preparedness to go on with it although it was to be only an empty charade.

All the Opposition had seen was the complacent euphoria of the Prime Minister in the City, the strutting braggadoccio of the Foreign Secretary at Luxembourg, and the folie de grandeur of the Secretary of State as he sat in his office with his blackboard, concocting absurd proposals for an international conference of state oil companies to be hosted by the British National Oil Corporation. (Conservative laughter.)

Policy of partnership needed if benefits are to accrue to UK

MR BENN, Secretary of State for Energy (Bristol, South-East, Lab), said it was the Government's objective to ensure that the benefits of off shore oil accrued to the British people as a whole. The Government intended to build up their partnership with the oil companies through existing and further licences on a basis of goodwill and good faith. The BNOC would act in partnership with the oil companies and be developed into a strong concern.

He paid tribute to Lord Balogh who retired last week from his post of Minister of State for Energy.

At a time when Lord Balogh was highly critical, and quite properly critical (he said) of the handling of these matters by the Conservative Government, he was very much alone, an individual drawing public attention to the scandalous mishandling of these resources by that Government. I am proud, both politically and personally, to have served with him in the Department of Energy.

In his new freedom (he continued) I certainly intend to retain Lord Balogh as a special oil adviser. Although I am not intending to announce the board of BNOC, Lord Balogh's name will be amongst those who serve BNOC.

The Government intended to bring the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act into force on January 1. The picture the Opposition sought to paint of oil companies in disarray because of Government policy bore no relationship whatever to reality.

The Government had, under the Act, a framework of regulations for the developing of offshore oil resources altogether lacking when the previous Government were in power. With petroleum revenue tax and royalties, £3,000m to £4,000m would have accumulated by 1980 and £2,000m to £3,000m thereafter.

Accepted worldwide

The Conservatives, when in Government, had never had an oil policy. Taxation, of itself, was not enough and in the long-term if Britain was to benefit from oil there must be partnership arrangements, which was why the 51 per cent objective had been set for existing and future licences. This was not in order to acquire more money for the Government, which was why the "no better—no worse" provision came into being.

The voluntary route had been chosen and negotiations were in progress. The outcome would depend on the circumstances of individual cases. The Government would seek to persuade the oil companies that participation had been accepted worldwide and represented a sensible and proper way of dealing with the matter in this country.

I shall (he said) be fixing my renewed visit to the United States as soon as I am able to do so, I hope early in the new year. The visit was cancelled earlier because talks with Burmah Oil were reaching their climax.

Physical control of the oil, technical knowledge of the industry, and economic knowledge were all needed by the Government and were possible through partnership in the organizing committee. That was the way most other countries had moved and which the Government thought right. Even if the Opposition came into office, they would not abandon the objective of participation.

The Opposition had given away so much in such unfavourable circumstances that the Government had to seek to remedy some of the damage that had been done. Every country, with the exception of the United States, had adopted the approach of establishing a national oil company to be, in the case of Britain, the key partner in participation talks.

BNOC was a newer type of public corporation which would be linked to Government through the two officials on the board. The first task of BNOC would be an organizing one, and this was being discussed with Lord Kearton. The names of the board would be announced soon and the strategy of BNOC would be discussed with them.

The Minister of State had negotiated with the offshore operators a memorandum of understanding designed to bring orders to this country, based on equality of opportunity, to create jobs which were badly needed.

It was crucial that in the development of the new industry there should from the beginning be good industrial relations. The development of trade union representation was an integral part of the safety question. I shall (he said) seek to develop and promote it as best I can.

Platforms

During 1976 they aimed to be able to license new blocks and were considering the precise terms. All applications would be considered.

One of the problems was the hiatus in ordering platforms. There was no question of having to wait until 1977 before further orders were made. The problem at Graythorp was that there was work until the summer of 1976 but to carry the work through without interruption would have required further orders in 1975. Nigg Bay went on until spring, 1977.

There were genuine technical uncertainties. To attribute every hesitation, whatever the cause, to Government policy, or to suggest that speeches by Lord Balogh determined the precise date upon which orders for rigs were made, was to do less than justice to the problems they had in trying to develop their own capability and match and marry it into the needs of the oil companies.

He had never said, and no minister had ever said, that Graythorp would have to wait until 1977 for a further order. What he said was that orders in 1975 were needed to guarantee the follow-on when the present rig building at Graythorp ran out in July, 1976. Further orders were expected in 1976.

Another problem was cost escalation. Large sums of capital were involved. There was the problem of inflation, technical innovations which needed to be studied, and competition for funds.

No one had any doubt that the North Sea was an intensely valuable oil province. There was an undoubted need for its oil. It would be a highly profitable operation in the best fields. The Government's tax provisions we designed to safeguard the not immediately profitable fields. Th were confident that they wou sustain the pace and would assisted by the next round.

Fair shares

Concerning the energy seat Jenkin had not made clear whet he thought it right to try to ha Britain represented at the ene conference. Ministers were right try. He regretted, as they did, t they were unable to succeed.

If the oil companies took a lot notice of Mr Jenkin they would packing up their rigs and leavi The oil companies saw in the No Sea an opportunity to develop rich oil province in which benefit would be shared fairly tween the British people and th selves.

Mr Jenkin had a collection cuttings. Anyone who read press knew that one day it w bonanza, the next a fiasco; one a triumph, the next day a disas one day a scandal, the nex saviour. Mr Jenkin only read every other day. (Loud laughter.)

The Conservative Governm made no special tax provis North Sea oil. There was no tion control, no participation no national capability built Jenkin had to scrabble through cuttings file to justify these sions. Would Mr Jenkin's admi tration abolish the BNOC? W they sell off the BNOC as abroad? Would they end par pation?

From the early days oil politics had been closely mixed. Oil was the lifeblood modern nation. It was a curre and source of industrial gro Oil companies had never been vate enterprise in the sense Adam Smith visualized.

Major oil companies span the world had long ago repe the laws of supply and dem They worked closely with gov ments in the United States and oil producing countries. They estates of the realm if not rea themselves. They expected any tish Government to be conduc an oil policy comparable to the they were conducting.

If there were to be the turn of existing policy that Mr Jen spoke about but never actu advocated, nobody would be mo surprised than the oil companies

The link between oil and poli applied nationally and inter tionally. The SNP took a limi view on the idea that the Uni Kingdom could parcel out energy resources on a geograph basis. There was good sense seeing these energy resources United Kingdom resources, seek to defend them as Uni Kingdom resources was the b possible service they could p form for the Scottish people well as the English and Welsh.

We want to use our energy said) to reindustrialize the Uni Kingdom in exactly the same w as the oil producers, once they h access to their oil, wished to their oil resources to industrial their countries. It is no po mocking that aspiration. It is sensible approach to the use these resources and in the end it a test of will. This Governme have the will and policy.

Assembly should have some contro

MR GRIMOND (Orkney and Shetland, L) said that the Scottish Parliament would have considerable powers to recommend expenditure of money but it was going to have virtually no powers of raising money except indirectly in an unpopular way through the local authorities. It would be a considerable psychological kick to give Scotland, particularly the north, some control over its assets. It would do something to right the imbalance between the powers for expenditure and for raising money if the proposed Scottish Assembly were given some control over the oil revenue.

Britain should have asked that the spokesman for the EEC at the energy conference should have been British, as Britain was the main oil producer. Britain had possibly done herself long-term damage by asking for separate representation.

He hoped that when the oil revenues began to flow attention would be given to the needs of supporting local industries such as agriculture and fishing, and that they would also be used to improve housing, roads, and services in general.

Confident

MR PHIPPS (Dudley, West, Lab) said he was confident that the oil companies would be competing strongly in the next round of licences. Negotiations between the Government and the oil companies over petroleum revenue tax had been fruitful. The international oil industry was currently trying to persuade the Australian Government to adopt similar legislation. The British tax structure was being presented to the Australians as a model of what such legislation ought to be.

It was not too soon to have discussions with European countries about the joint development of oilfields in the North Sea and the establishing of marketing arrangements with them.

MR SKEET (Bedford, C) said the Secretary of State for Energy claimed that benefits would accrue to the British people as a whole. They had heard this before, for example, in connexion with British Railways.

Before the Secretary of State started to think of a national comprehensive oil company, would it not be better to concede that there were already facilities—existing companies—which could be used? The creation of a new oil corporation was unnecessary.

The oil taxation Act would give the Secretary of State all the control he wanted.

It was impossible to sustain the prosperity of a nation on the basis of a single commodity, particularly when it was at a variable price. The price of oil could easily fall drastically.

Draught

If the price came down to $8 or $9 a barrel they could easily feel the initial draught and it would be impossible for the Scottish economy to run.

Britain had been subsidizing them for many years. If one was to have a regional authority for Scotland its jurisdiction would be only to three miles from the coast. Other countries would probably refuse to renegotiate the international convention which had given the United Kingdom control over the oil in the North Sea. They had to make money out of it before the price began to slide.

MR GORDON WILSON (Dundee, East, Scot Nat) said the Government had not put a sufficient tax on the oil industry and had allowed excessive profits to be made over the years. The present return was too light; the appropriate rate of petroleum revenue tax would be 75 per cent and not 45 per cent.

The weakness in the Government's policy was that Scotland could well be a self-governing country by the 1980s and in those circumstances could very well have control over the offshore oil resources. Anyone who was not aware of the speed at which developments were taking place in Scotland and the move towards a self-governing situation should wake up and find out what was happening.

MR CANAVAN (West Stirlingshire, Lab) said that the Government, through the BNOC, would have a far bigger say in the dispersal of the fruits of the new oil industry to bring diversificat into deprived areas. The BNO would be virtually impotent if was not for participation.

Placing the headquarters BNOC in Scotland did not of its ensure that there were going to enough jobs in the new indus for the benefit of workers in Sc land and the rest of the countr

It is about time (he said) took a tougher line with the oil companies, took them by the sc of the neck and told them "Pu your jobs here, here and here" that we get jobs for workers areas threatened with particula high unemployment. This is additional reason for the extens of public control.

The attitude of the Scot Nationalist Party seemed to be th if coal or oil was discovered in backyard of someone it belon to them. It was a great pity the SNP had tried to break up BNOC into four bits.

Entitled

MR HORDERN (Horsham Crawley, C) said they were enti to ask what 51 per cent state pa cipation amounted to. If there to be no financial gain at the of the day what was the purpos it?

The Government would hav borrow vastly more money had so far been generally re nized or stated by the Governm It would not be wrong to sug that they would have to bor £1,000m a year for the next tw three years on oil account al Where would this money from?

It was only the left wing of Labour Party who did not stand they would not get any fit out of 51 per cent particip All that was likely was that would find themselves tryi finance an impossible objecti the next two or three years. would not be able to borrow extra money without having most stringent conditions p on them by the IMF.

Only one sector of the co the left wing of the Labour were concerned about 51 per participation or believed it reality. They were due in th in many other cases, for an disappointment.

Government believe end of detention will lead to isolation of gunmen

MR NEAVE, Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland (Abingdon, C), asked the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland for a statement on the ending of detention in Northern Ireland.

MR ORME, Minister of State for Northern Ireland (Salford, West, Lab)—Mr Rees has made it clear to the House the aim of the Government's policy to release detainees and in explaining this policy he recently emphasized his intention to achieve it by Christmas.

He made that clear again last Thursday. The last 44 detainees were released on Friday. Since 1971 more than 2,000 persons have been released, about half under the previous Administration.

MR NEAVE—Is Mr Orme aware of the deep misgivings in taking this step when violence in Northern Ireland remains at present levels? Is it not possible the Government will be forced back into the vicious circle of renewing detention?

While we welcome the policy to bring people before the courts, does he not recall that on more than one occasion Mr Rees has said detention would not be ended until violence had been checked? Are not a number of the men released on Friday self-confessed members of an illegal organization and will they be prosecuted in the courts?

MR ORME—We believe the policy will be a success. We believe that in recent months with the phasing out of detention, there has been a detachment from the minority community from the men of violence. We have had evidence over the weekend that that community welcome very much the ending of detention and we now look forward for positive support from both communities in the issue of tackling violence.

With regard to membership of illegal organizations, Mr Neave knows the problems that exist. I can assure him the law will be prosecuted in every way the security forces, and not least the police, believe it should be prosecuted, and that is how Mr Rees would like to see it carried out.

MR STALLARD (Camden, St Pancras, North, Lab)—The decision, in the present difficult circumstances, will be welcomed by those on both sides of this House, and outside in both communities, who are still striving for a peaceful political solution and for the reconciliation of both communities.

Has Mr Orme any concrete evidence that his statement will help to bring about that reconciliation between the two communities?

MR ORME—Nobody pretends, not least the Government, that this was an easy decision to take, but we believe it was a correct one. We believe we are increasingly going to get the cooperation of both communities. We believe in forcing this criminal activity through the courts, which is beginning to bring real success. More people have been convicted this year for serious crimes of violence than ever before.

We believe this policy will lead to a political advancement in Northern Ireland and not least isolate these people, from whatever community they come, who turn to violence to try to achieve their ends.

As Mr Rees has said, much recent violence has had little to do with politics or the aspirations of any of the two communities in Northern Ireland. We have already had indications, not least from the minority community, that those who had been refusing cooperation on a political basis, through rent and rate strikes and other means, are now publicly ending that opposition.

MR MOLYNEAUX (South Antrim, UUUC)—Does Mr Orme believe the success or failure of the release policy will depend to a great extent on the minority throwing their full weight and influence behind a determined Government, striving to eradicate terrorism for which there can now be no possible excuse? If the entire Northern Ireland community were thus united, would the Government indicate they will take firm and resolute action against all forms of continuing terrorism?

MR ORME—On the last part, I can give an emphatic "Yes". With regard to the minority community, I believe we are speaking in the terms they will understand and respond to. As Mr Molyneaux is aware, sectarian violence has come from both communities and I know the part he has played, and will continue to play, in opposing it. Only when we get rid of that type of violence in Northern Ireland can we move forward politically.

MR FITT (Belfast, West, SDLP)—On August 9, 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975, the Provisional IRA lit bonfires on the streets of Belfast to celebrate the introduction of internment which was the greatest weapon in their armoury. There were no bonfires lit on the streets of Belfast when internees were released last week.

The overwhelming majority of people in both communities in Northern Ireland will want to cooperate fully with the Government to eradicate the men of violence from their midst.

MR ORME—The most disappointed people in Northern Ireland over the ending of detention are those that have turned to violence.

SIR DEREK WALKER-SMITH (East Hertfordshire C)—Is Mr Orme satisfied that the resources of the courts and of apprehension are sufficient?

MR ORME—Yes. People are now being processed through the courts in a judicial manner. They are being tried and, where convicted, sentenced for crimes of violence including murder and receiving terms of imprisonment which are warranted for the types of crime they have committed.

MR STEEL (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—All MPs who wish to see a return to law and order in Northern Ireland welcome this as one step along the road to law and order by returing to judicial normality in the province.

MR ORME—Having seen the operation of internment, or detention, and the problems it had created, I believe we are better off without it and better off using the rule of law and course of law in this matter.

MR AMERY (Brighton, Pavilion, C)—While I hope that this gamble will pay off, could Mr Orme assure us that the Government will keep the power, and retain the intention, to return to detention if they should be proved wrong?

MR ORME—We do not look upon this as a gamble. We recognize there are difficulties involved but we look upon this as a positive step forward in trying to bring the two communities together to try to reach a political settlement.

On Thursday, the Secretary of State (Mr Rees) will ask for the readoption of the Emergency Provisions Act which will retain the powers, if he needs them, for detention in the future. The Government hope very much that they will not need them but the powers will be there.

Comparing commodity prices

MR HOOLEY (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab) asked what steps were taken by the Department for Prices and Consumer Protection to monitor international commodity prices to ensure that falls as well as increases in raw material prices were reflected in retail prices.

MR MACLENNAN, Under Secretary (Caithness and Sutherland, Lab)—Commodity prices are regularly monitored by my department. The Price Commission keeps its own records and price indices for different commodities are published in Trade and Industry.

Under the Price Code falls in raw materials or other costs should be reflected in prices. The Commission has taken ste remind firms of their oblig

The Secretary of State has the Price Commission to stu effect of movements in the p raw materials on the retail p goods in the shops.

MR HOOLEY—Is he sa that the fall in commodity which has been considerabl the past 18 months is adeq reflected in the prices i shops?

MR MACLENNAN—We taken all possible steps open to ensure it is reflected.

Analysis of invisible ink

MR WATKINS (Consett, Lab) asked if the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection would prohibit the sale of an invisible ink, the name of which had been supplied to her, in view of its dangerous nature.

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister of State (Swansea, West, Lab)—My department is investigating the degree of hazard and will take such action open to it as it considers necessary.

MR WATKINS—A public analyst has found it contains 10.3 per cent sulphuric acid which is above the level of what constitut poisonous substance. dangerous in the hands of ch

MR WILLIAMS—We do have powers to ban it. This the relevance of the consul document we are presenting this year. He is correct in attention to the fact that duct, as do all inks, esca Part II provisions in relation poisons.

In the light of the evidence coming forward, we have ask further analysis and investig and I am awaiting the report.

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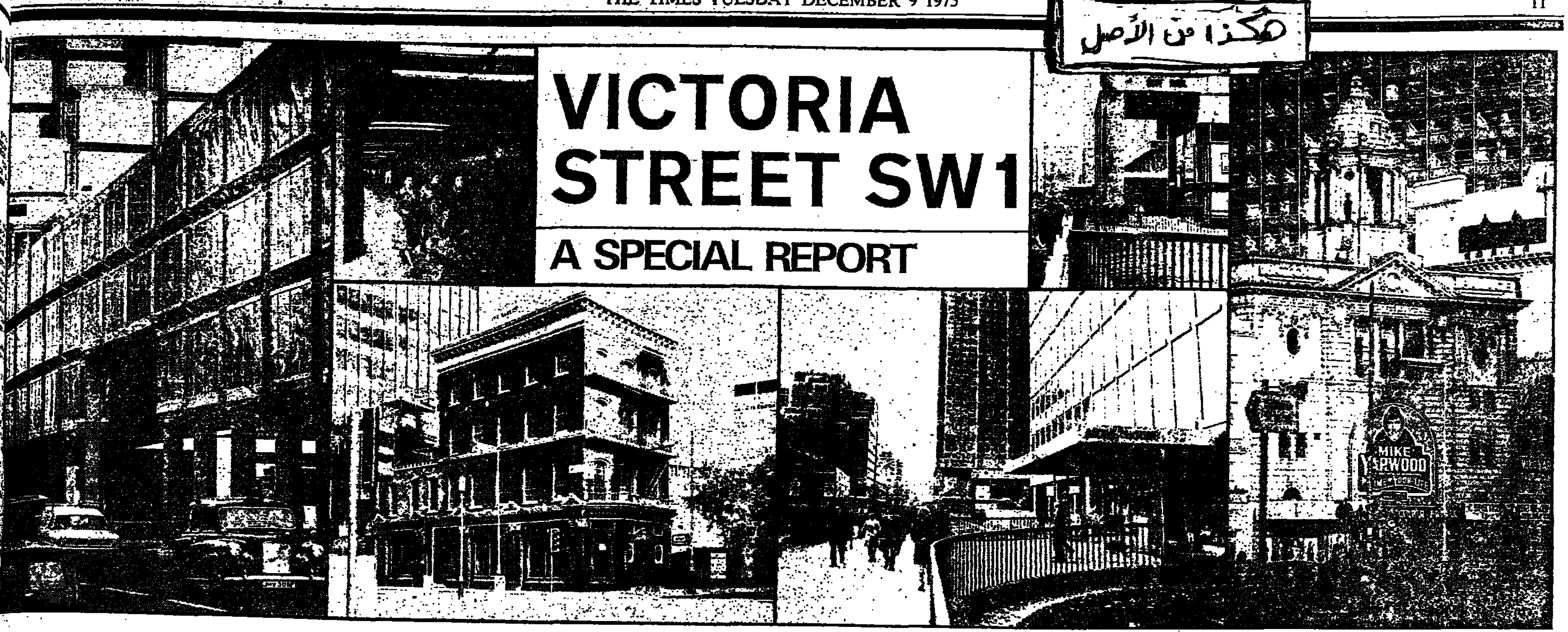
VICTORIA STREET SW1

A SPECIAL REPORT



Today, as the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor R. M. Dawe, opens the new piazza outside his city's grand Roman Catholic cathedral, the postwar redevelopment of Victoria Street comes of age. Christopher Warman reports:

Travellers along Victoria Street in the last decades of the nineteenth century found it one of the prides of Victorian London as it swept from Westminster Abbey westwards through slums towards the exciting new Victoria Station.

Queen Victoria shared that pride, but even then was displeased. She complained to the Prime Minister that Queen Anne's Mansions, which was for many years the tallest block in London, standing near if not on the street, spoiled her view across from the palace to Westminster.

Words might indeed fail her now, as the new Victoria Street nears completion. The planners have been careful to take sitings from St James's Park so that the new buildings have kept within the limits set, but no doubt there is a formidable wall of concrete blocking the view across the park.

To some critics, an ugly Victorian street has been transformed into an ugly modern street. Others find the new street, which has been emerging from its ever-present, ever-moving cocoon of boards and scaffolding for many years, more interesting.

Mr Hugh Cubitt, leader of the Westminster City Council, which is guiding the last stages of redevelopment, was training as a chartered surveyor in Dean's Yard, next to the Abbey, in 1953. Acknowledging an interest, he remembers the Victoria Street of the 1950s and before as "one of the few parts of Westminster about which it is almost impossible to feel any nostalgia.

"It was a dismal, gloomy canyon of no architectural merit as anyone will recall who had occasion to experience its charms on a cold wet February afternoon." His depression did not lift noticeably when the first new buildings went up in the 1950s.

Since then, his view has changed. "As is inevitable in a major redevelopment, carried out over a quarter of a century, not all the architecture of this new street is of distinction. It is, however, representative of the epoch and, who knows, a future generation may regard New Scotland Yard as we now do St Pancras Station—tastes change." At any rate, it is functional.

About the latest buildings, nearing completion on the south side of the street at the Victoria Station end, Mr Cubitt becomes enthusiastic. "To my eye, this development, with its arcades, pavement, shops and piazza outside the cathedral is distinguished architecture in any company."

It is on this part of the redevelopment that attention is *now* focused, as the street nears the end of its transformation. Victoria Street is very unusual. In London only one other thoroughfare can claim to have undergone a similarly fundamental change since the war—London Wall. And the entirely different character of the two streets makes comparisons difficult.

It would be an exaggeration to say that Victoria Street has been redeveloped as a single entity. The concept may have been there, after the war. But practical considerations, such as ownership, made it impossible, even if it was desirable, to create a new—and long—street at one time.

Until the reorganization of local government in London in 1965, the London County Council was the planning authority. Westminster City Council casually points out that fact when criticism is levelled at Monsanto House—the first block to be redeveloped, completed in 1958—and the other earlier examples of postwar Victoria Street architecture.

These include the numerous buildings on the site of the old Stag brewery (allowing a complete change in occupation because it was felt a brewery was not suitable in such a high value area), New Scotland Yard, and the government departments housed on the other side of the street.

The City Hall was also conceived and born before Westminster laid its hand on the planning power.

Then the council began to take a hand, and is proud of its achievements. In its coordinating role it has seen the original plans for the south side of the street through to its present imaginative conclusion.

The council gives as one of the reasons for this speedy conclusion the fact that the Greater London Council was not involved in the 1969 planning negotiations, which were completed in a few weeks. The heights of the proposed buildings fell within allowed limits, the office content was no more than the replacement plus 10 per cent allowed, and the street was not then a metropolitan road (it now is). Thus the duplication of planning functions was avoided.

By contrast the council points to Piccadilly Circus, which still awaits a decision on its redevelopment. It has taken long enough for the Victoria Street development to get this far, but the council believes that if another authority—the GLC — had been involved, it might scarcely have got off the ground.

The street is not a comprehensive development area, and inevitably the redevelopment has come in different shapes and sizes at different times, but with the council supervising affairs, the planners and architects have tried to relate their buildings to the others as they came along. Certainly the street has been regarded as an entity since the early 1950s.

The new Army & Navy building is on its way, and at the east end of the street Abbey House will rise on the ashes of demolition. Only two blocks remain undeveloped—Artillery Mansions, and the one next to it, adjoining the Department of Trade and Industry. The council has already rejected one plan for the latter on aesthetic grounds, and it now seems unlikely that there will be more redevelopment for some years.

What has the redevelopment achieved for the people of Westminster and for London? Council leaders are aware that the city with its ratable value of more than £300m has the largest ratable value of any rating authority in the United Kingdom, and amounts to a sixth of that for the whole of the Greater London area. The council this year provided £96m for the GLC, 85 per cent of it from commercial property.

That fact makes the council determined in its defence of the commercial developments in its area. If services are to be provided for Londoners, they have to be paid for.

Mr Cubitt states bluntly: "Victoria Street means jobs, and jobs mean wealth—wealth which, through the rates, helps to support many of the housing and social services of London. Unless business continues to flourish, and indeed grow, in Westminster, the tax base falls and the capital as a whole suffers.

"This is the importance of the re-creation of Victoria Street as the principal business centre of Westminster, and proof that planning can be positive and creative, not just, as is so often claimed, negative and restrictive."

The rate income from the new buildings, housing mainly government offices and oil companies, has increased enormously with redevelopment. Full figures cannot be estimated—since some of the buildings are not yet completed. But one example is the income from three blocks—Kingsgate House, Westminster City Hall and Mobil House—on the north side. Redevelopment has increased the total income for the council from an estimated £600,000 to £2.4m. If those figures were repeated along the length of the street, it is clear that the street, if not paved with gold, at least provides some.

The council also suggests that the new offices provide modern, efficient, working conditions for some of the 750,000 people who work in the borough. For the 250,000 residents, as well as the commuters, the new arcaded street will provide covered shopping for half a mile.

Over the years of redevelopment, about 2,200 jobs have been created and there has been a small increase in the amount of residential accommodation.

It all goes to make a street which is, in Mr Cubitt's phrase, the "business centre of Westminster". And he adds that the new buildings create for the first time a worthy gateway to London for visitors arriving at Victoria Station.

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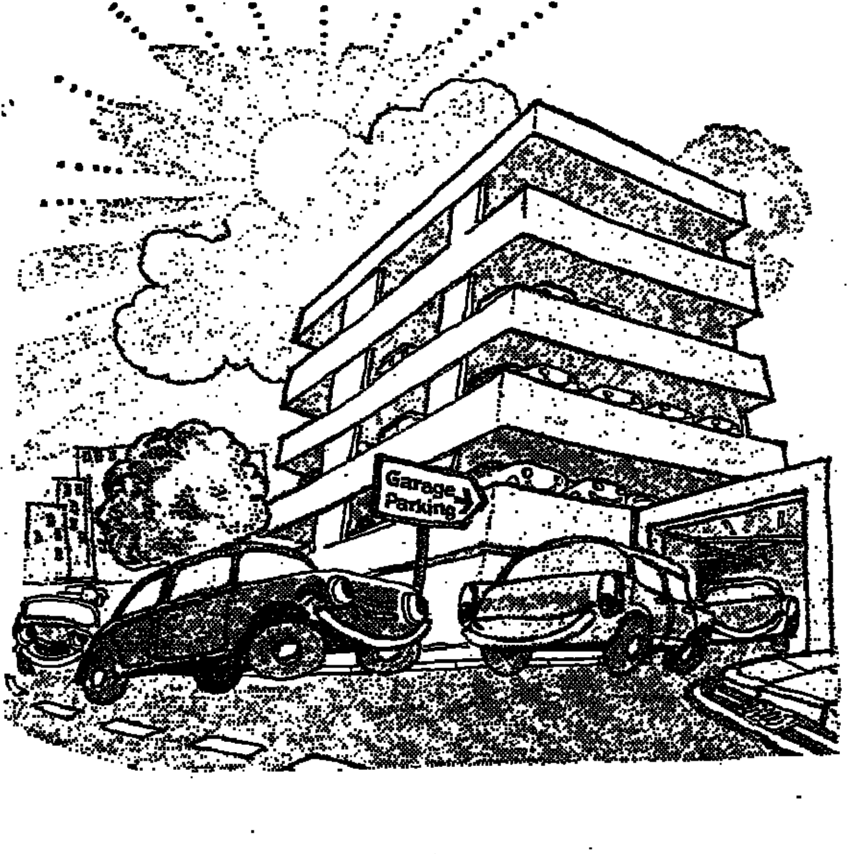
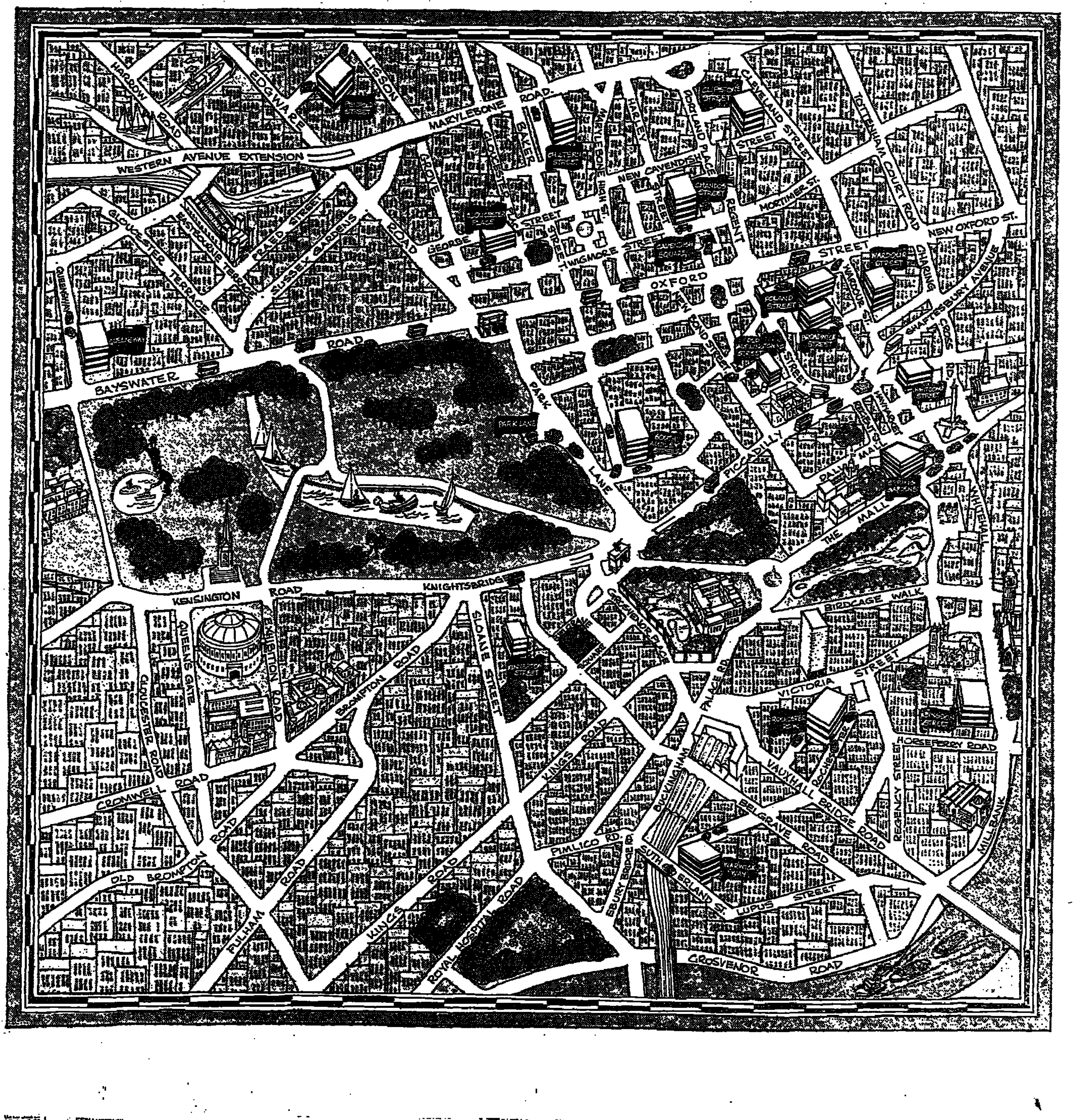




Engineering gaps are filled by oil

by Ross Davies

Victoria Street was once the headquarters of the engineering firms and professional associations which sprang up during the Victorian railway boom and wanted to be near the Houses of Parliament. Today they and their like are being priced out of the area and out of London. Oil, the glamour industry of this century, as engineering was of the last, is filling the gaps.

At midnight on December 31 Shell-Mex and BP, the agency through which the products of both companies have been distributed since 1932, will be dissolved. At the same time BP Oil, a new company in whose parent, British Petroleum, the state has a near-controlling stake, is setting up shop in BP House, Victoria Street.

Some 950 staff, mostly from Britannic House in Moorgate and Shell-Mex House in the Strand, will be rehoused in the new 14-floor building on the west flank of the cathedral piazza.

The new company will thereafter be able to combine two hitherto separate operations under one roof. *One is the London end of* the management of BP's four refineries at Grangemouth, Llandarcy, Belfast Lough and the Isle of Grain. The other is the sales, marketing and distribution network, which takes in pipelines, 10 coastal and *estuarial craft, 54 depots,* 850 road vehicles and 3,600 garages selling BP products.

BP House is said to be in the right place because staff who do not already come in by train to Victoria Station can get there reasonably easily by bus or by Underground.

Then Victoria is the *station for the train services* to Gatwick airport, while the British *Airways terminal is* close by in Buckingham Palace Road, and it is not necessary to cross London to get on to the M4 for Heathrow.

BP is only the latest of the oil concerns which have chosen to locate their British headquarters in Victoria Street. Esso Petroleum, the United Kingdom arm of the New York-based Exxon Corporation, began moving into what is now Esso House on *the north side of the street,* in easy stages throughout 1962 and 1963.

At that time the main office was just round the corner in a purpose-built Edwardian block in Queen *Anne's Gate.* Other departments were spread about the capital, some in converted houses in the same street, *others in Piccadilly or in* Thames House on the Embankment.

Esso was the first tenant of the new building, which has two wings each of nine floors and a tower of 14 floors, and now accommodates 1,250 staff.

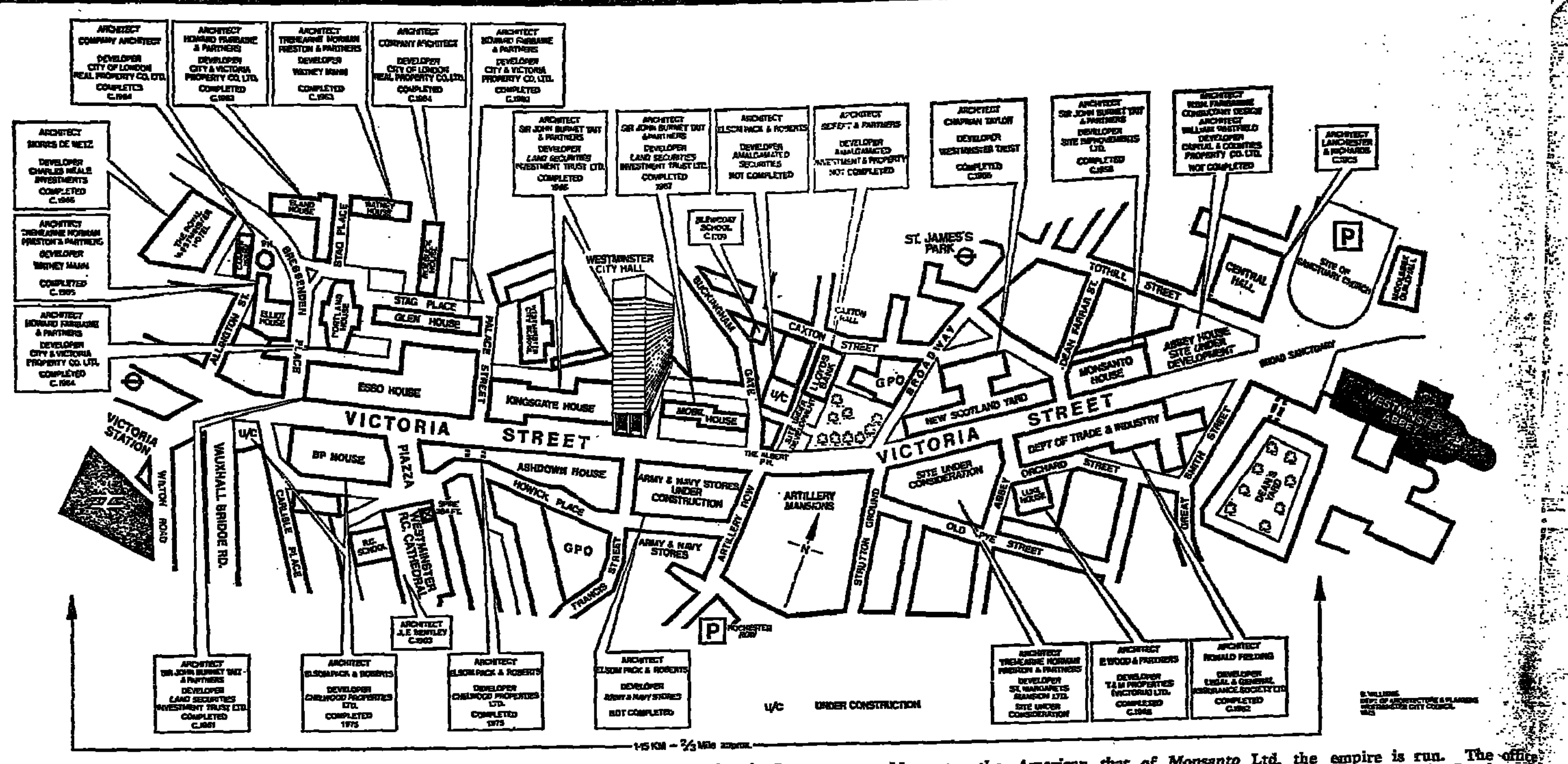
Even so, however, all that is Esso is not under the one roof. There is Esso Europe, for instance, a management company that acts as a buffer between Exxon and Esso United Kingdom and sees fit to keep its distance in Mayfair.

Esso says that the move to Victoria Street improved both recruitment and morale. It was easy to engage people with an office so near Victoria Station. Morale had been good on a departmental basis when some departments had separate buildings; under one roof there was a greater feeling of identity with the company, while it was possible to preserve some of the old feeling by apportioning departments with a *floor of* their own.

The Victoria Street area, oilmen say, has a good selection of pubs, a fair selection of restaurants, but, apart from the Army & Navy *Stores, not much in the way* of shops.

Monsanto, the American multinational company, has also been in Victoria Street for a good 10 years, in which time the office has passed from being the headquarters of the European division to that of *Monsanto* Ltd, the United Kingdom subsidiary.

While the European operation is now run from La *Place Madou,* Brussels, it is from Victoria Street that the group's British chemicals, plastics and man-made fibres empire is run. The office also houses the London end of Monsanto Oil of the UK, the operating company of Monsanto-Deminex, a consortium which recently discovered oil in the North Sea in Block 15/21.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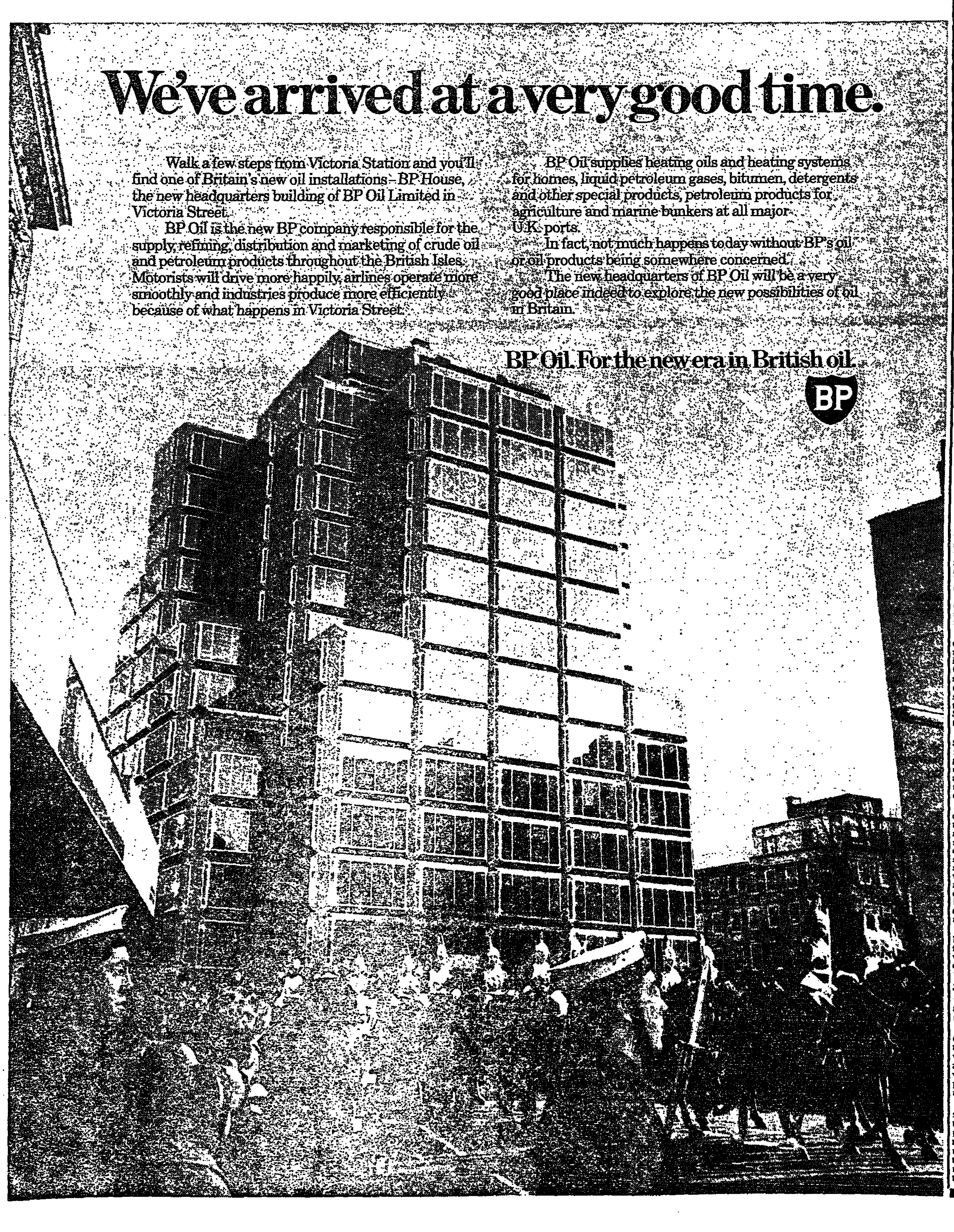
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Bygone bakeries but a bevy of banks

by John Groser

History does not admit *it*, but I believe that Queen Victoria had a certain feeling for the consumer interest. Never could the words "Let them eat cake" have come from her lips. Had there been a shortage of bread, I am certain that she would somehow have directed her subjects to one of the many bakeries in the old Victoria Street, most of them sadly no longer there and few to be replaced.

Originally part of the Thames marshes, the area on which the street now stands had by the time the young Queen ascended the throne *become one of the worst* slum areas in London. True *there was some rather* scrubby farmland to the *north of the street* (where the Westminster City Hall now stands) but it was a rough area with few amenities.

The street that Queen Victoria opened on August 6, 1851, was to become one of the earliest examples of an ambitious town planning project. The new buildings, all of equal height and architectural conformity, were the *first of their kind to be* built in London. The shop*ping facilities in the street,* even in Victorian times, were excellent, both in variety and quality.

The "upper classes", as they were then known, shopped there in safety and halfway along the street, on Strutton Ground, there grew up the open-air market which remains to this day and which is to be preserved with all its character in the final redevelopment. As a shopping precinct, though, *Victoria Street gradually be*came a road of amenity for the residents (and they came from all parts of the social scale) rather than for the wider community.

Except in the case of specialist retailers like Burns and Oates (the only shop of its kind for the Roman Catholic community, which stood quite near to the cathedral on the south side of the street) out-of-town shoppers tended to make for Oxford *Street or Piccadilly* when they came to London.

The old Army & Navy Stores, it is true, retained a *faithful clientele* and it is good to think that the House of Fraser has taken *this into* account in the building of the new store on the old site opposite the City Hall.

Meanwhile, in the last decade and with the opening of the south side redevelopment, the character of the street has again changed in consumer terms. To the south and south-west of the *street there* is a considerable volume of council housing, and *all round the street* are extensive private dwellings, both in houses and *in splen*did Victorian and Edwardian apartments.

The inhabitants, until now, had to go across the *park* to find variety of goods and services. "That", according to one retired soldier with private means but crippling *arthritis* to whom I spoke, "was just too far". A woman pensioner felt that shopping on the other side of the park was too costly.

Oxford Street and Piccadilly are already two important axial thoroughfares, with *shops*, services, offices and excellent transport services. *Victoria* Street now provides the third, obvious axis.

In addition to the consumer *amenities* offered by the street there are the important presence of Government (more civil servants now work in *Victoria* Street than in Whitehall, I am told), most of the *oil giants* and two of the main centres of *Christian worship in this* country—the abbey at one end and the cathedral at the other.

The south side of the street will provide, when it is fully occupied, the longest stretch of covered shopping arcade in the country. The variety of shops will reflect that on the north side of the street, where there are, to my mind, already too many shoe *retailers, but* where every conceivable kind *of shopping can be done.*

There is a dearth in the street of really good restaurants, and it is not clear yet *how this can be remedied.* But there are several cafés, *snack* bars and takeaways, which serve the large number of office workers and also, no doubt, provide sustenance for the footsore shopper.

Banks proliferate. All the clearing banks have at least one branch in the street and the National Westminster group has five within the mile. If walking from branch to branch and shop to shop seems *too tiring, there are* excellent transport amenities. *Traffic on the street* is fairly fast moving and buses are frequent. It is one of the few streets in London where I have always found it possible to secure a taxi without undue delay.

There are a main line terminal and two Underground stations. Victoria is served by the Southern Region and by the Victoria, Circle and District Lines. Either a District or Circle Line train will take you the one stop to St James's *Park* at the other end of the *street.* The street has a theatre, the Victoria Palace, *and two cinemas at its end.*

Above all, I believe, Victoria Street has regained its status as the high street of *its own city, or local com*munity, if you prefer. The fact that Sainsbury's on the north side has a higher weekly turnover than almost any other branch must indicate that (apart from the office staff trade—and I do not believe that commuters care to carry home weighty weekly shopping baskets) residents prefer their *local* supermarkets to most other *places.*

Westminster City Counc it is rumoured, intends allow retailers to open o Sundays if they wish. The re development would then *come to life at weekend* with shoppers promenadin the covered *frontages* or sit ting in the piazza itself. Th council also intends develop, just to the south the street, the Pimlic Sports Centre with swimmin pools and a sports hall a cost of more than £4m.

There are 34 new units o the south side of the stre which are to be leased. chemist and a bookseller a fitting out. The Nation Westminster Bank and wine merchant are alread *open. Fashion boutiques* a building societies show i terest in the concept doing business under covered arcade.

It is true that the uni are large and *that* all old kiosk-type shops (the *were many* in the street fore the redevelopmen have been lost. Just as t style of retailing and spen ing in urban areas h changed, so has the type amenity being offered. G may regret the passing the old-fashioned, perso alized shops. But redevelo ment in Victoria Street h meant progress and it hoped, a better deal for th consumer.

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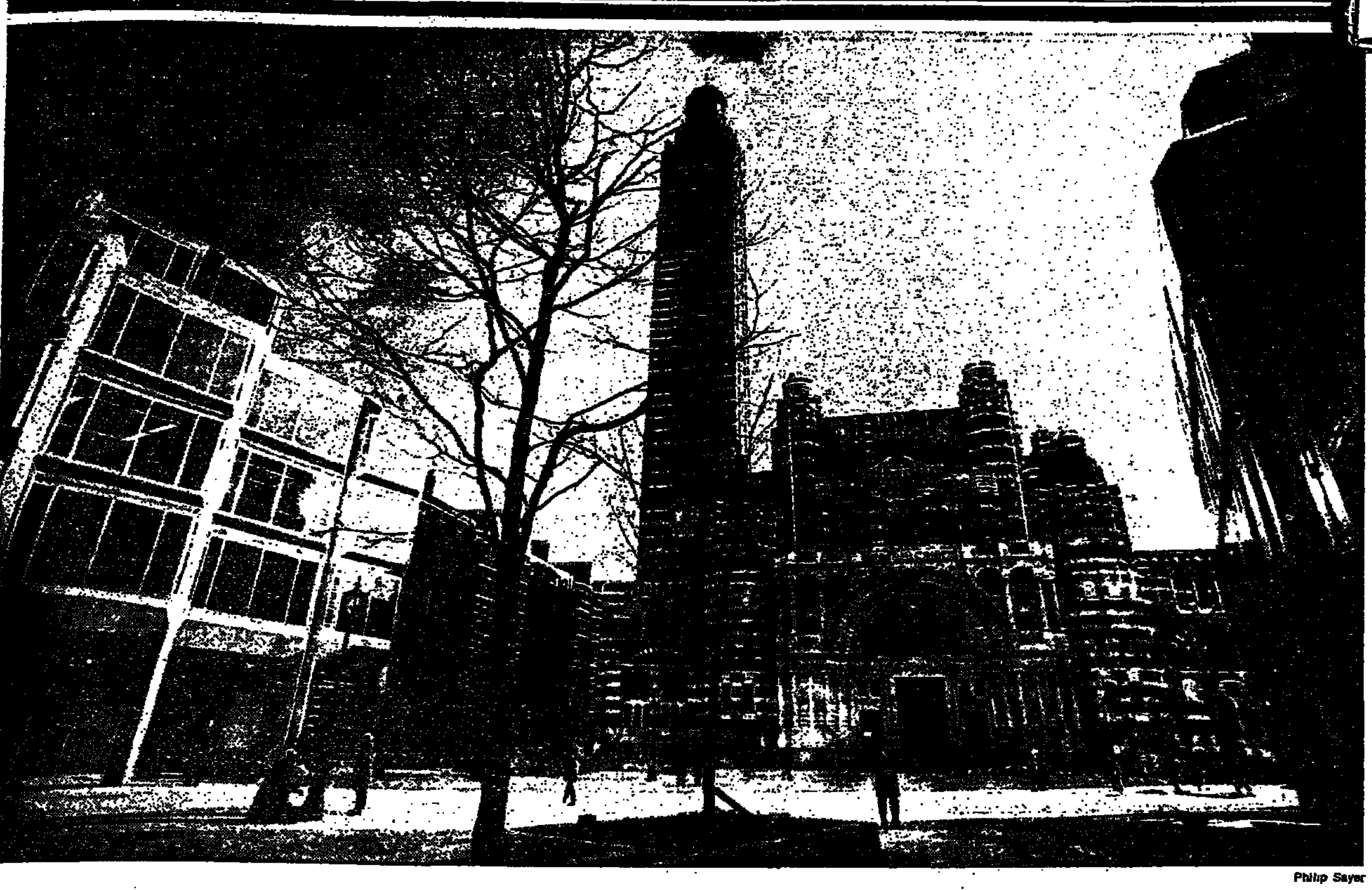

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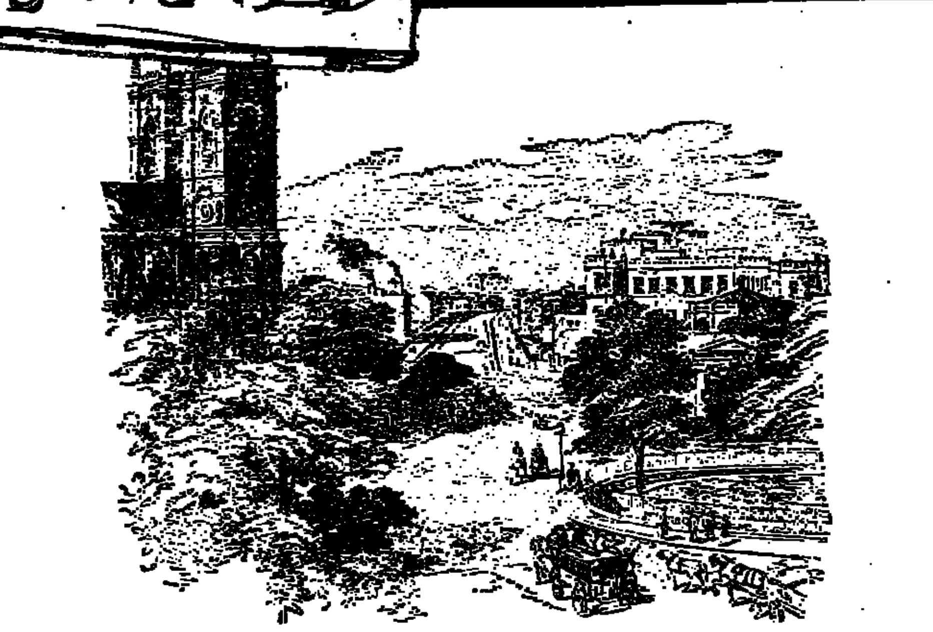

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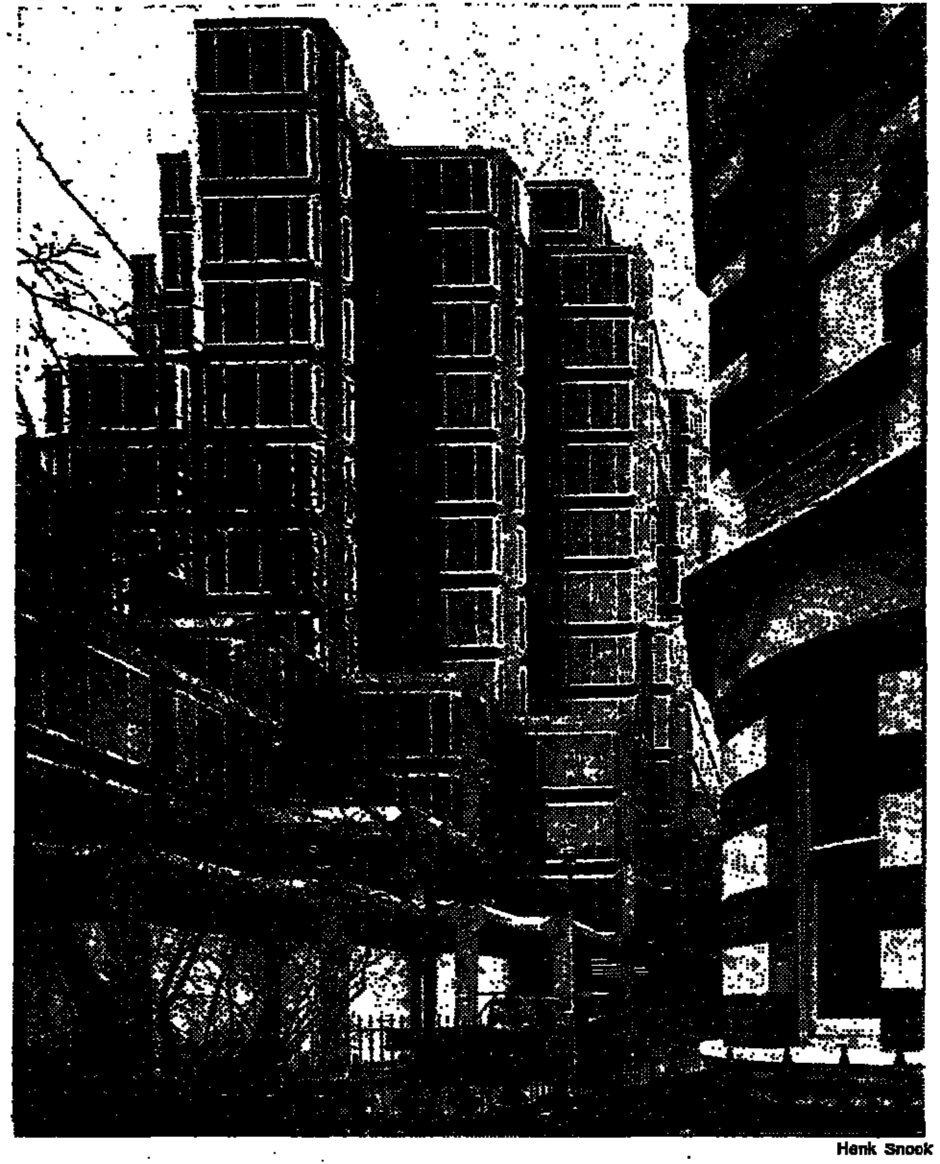
Left: Westminster Cathedral, now visible from Victoria Street across the new piazza. Above: the westward view from Broad Sanctuary in 1851. Below: the rear of Ashdown House, looking down Howick Place.



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Gentle colour now warms this once unloved thoroughfare

by Lionel Esher

Victoria Street was a diagonal cut through the poorer parts of Georgian Westminster to provide a direct link between what was then the new Victoria Station and the centre of Government in Whitehall. It was driven through in the fifties and sixties of the last century, in the same years in which Baron Haussmann was doing the same sort of surgery on Paris but on an incomparably grander and more imaginative scale.

It was a real corridor street, too narrow for its height, and its western half was lined by dull stucco buildings in a tired-out classical idiom. In the general run of urban building these were the two worst decades of the nineteenth century. It soon became the most unloved main street in London, and most people welcomed the thought of its being rebuilt.

The first section to be tackled was the north frontage opposite Westminster Cathedral, with the Stag Brewery site behind it. This was done in the *Mitteleuropa* style of the late fifties, a rectangular group of matchboxes on their sides or ends, with floorscape, sculpture, fountains and semi-mature plane-trees. There was one high grey slab, with splayed ends deriving from the Pirelli building in Milan, but it was much too wide for its height.

On the Victoria Street side there was some gain: a wider pavement, a canopy. But critics complained that the chance had been missed to lift the shops and pedestrians on to a podium, from which bridges could later span the street.

Consequently, when in 1959 the time came to design the south side of the street, vertical segregation was out. Instead of pedestrians, the podium roof was to carry shoppers' cars: what was good for the Army & Navy must be good for London. Office towers were placed to complement their opposite numbers and with them to compose the huddle of towers which were then thought to be a dramatically appropriate way to mark the main transportation nodes of London, and from the practical point of view to concentrate office workers within an easy walk of the main-line termini.

The Times Architectural Correspondent welcomed the scheme's "comprehensive character, in contrast to the piecemeal character of other development in the neighbourhood". In 1963 planning approval was duly given.

There was then a pause, due no doubt to financial considerations. It proved to be a pregnant one. The Church Commissioners, who with the Crown Commissioners and the Army & Navy Stores were now the three major landlords on the south side, saw similar matchbox groupings going up in the City and elsewhere, in one case under their own auspices, and they did not like what they saw. They asked their architects for a fresh start, from which they were convinced that something better aesthetically, and at least no worse financially, could emerge. Our cities could have done with more of this kind of courage in those years.

The architects grasped their opportunity with both hands. It was a time when, the huge anonymous slab having fallen into disrepute, a few pioneer designers, one in Canada, one in Holland, a group in Spain, were working on multiple buildings in which the individual dwelling or office or studio would be the visual component out of which the design would be built up.

It was the aesthetic of the Italian hill-town rather than the Renaissance palace or the glass prism. The "hills" of offices would rise in free asymmetrical steps, dip to a valley in obeisance to the cathedral, jut forward and back to accommodate light-angles, and still give the same floor-space as the site originally held.

This floor-space was oddly distributed, the plans looking more like the diminishing decks of the QE2 than the letting-agent's preferred boring rectangles. The many open decks were to hold shrub planting instead of cars; the clients and their agents accepted the risks of unorthodoxy. The Royal Fine Art Commission and the planning authorities were enthusiastic.

This time, they were right. The buildings are remarkably unassertive, to begin with, considering they have the same plot ratio as the monsters across the street. The long north elevation, which might have been gloomy, glitters with reflected light from the sunlit buildings opposite, yet the countless splayed bays of which it is composed, faced simply with polished granite and bronze glass, prevent one reading it as just another curtain wall. It has a kind of reticulated sheen like crocodile skin.

The broken skyline, the burst of sun marking the cathedral piazza and the set-back for Thirleby Road, with its deftly handled bridge, all help to prevent monotony, and to prevent, incidentally, the long perspective of the street arcade from seeming interminable. The arcade is a bonus secured by the necessity to bring the building's face right forward to achieve the plot ratio without going too high.

It raises the question, so often asked, why London has never gone for the street arcade, and even destroyed Nash's Regent Street ones 28 years after they were built: a masochistic preference for exposure, I suspect. Arcades were also gloomy on dark days, but with modern shop lighting this no longer applies. Of course, you get the traffic fumes and noise, and a waist-high parapet might have acted as baffle and pedestrian barrier.

The piazza is about right for width and is scaled down to Bentley's tiny and intricate "west" front. The paving is a chessboard of red brick and white stone from the Jura, linking the rosy red of the cleaned cathedral with the white of the buildings opposite, and dividing, incidentally, BP Oil from the Department of Industry.

A couple of large trees will partly conceal the dull façades that face you across the street as you look north from the cathedral doors. From this point, one should not fail to walk the length of Howick Place (which would have disappeared in the original scheme) and look back. With the serendipity that seems to have attended this job the architects have exploited the wedge shape of the site, which at the back slices off each bay at an oblique angle, to achieve an almost Islamic intricacy of modelling. The effect is to humanize and almost dematerialize the architecture on the side where it faces a residential enclave. Here, seen from among these sombre Victorian streets, the colour and impact of the new buildings are gentle.

It seems to be the kind of relaxed, even casual, architecture that in less advanced materials and even without the bonus of a neo-Byzantine centre-piece could happily accommodate itself to all sorts of confused urban environments—the sort of scene we are going to have in Britain for the foreseeable future.

It is a pleasure to write in these terms of Mr Cecil Elsom, an architect who back in the late fifties built the first successful post-war street-side in London, Eastbourne Terrace alongside Paddington Station. But he would be the first to agree that in both cases he had in the client consortium people who were prepared to take a wide view of their responsibilities, and not least the responsibility to pick a good professional team.

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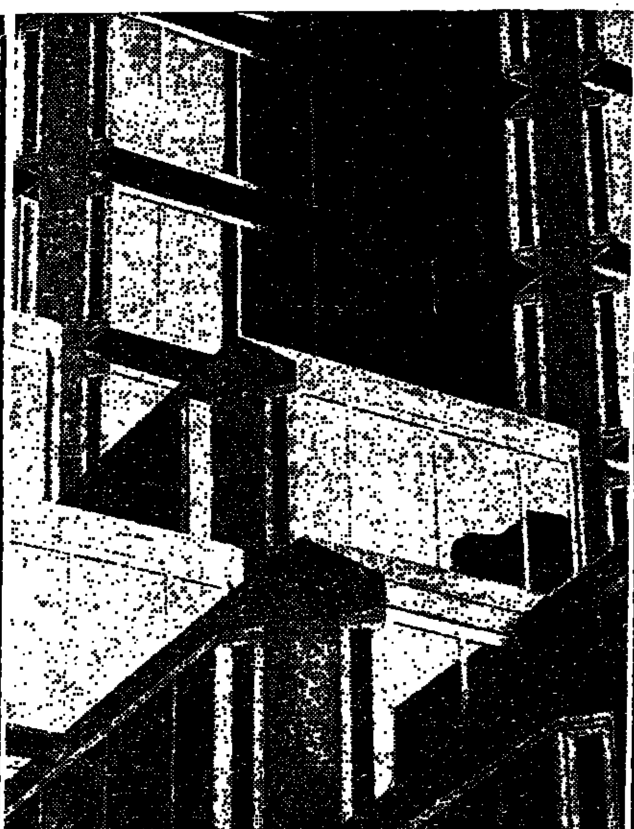
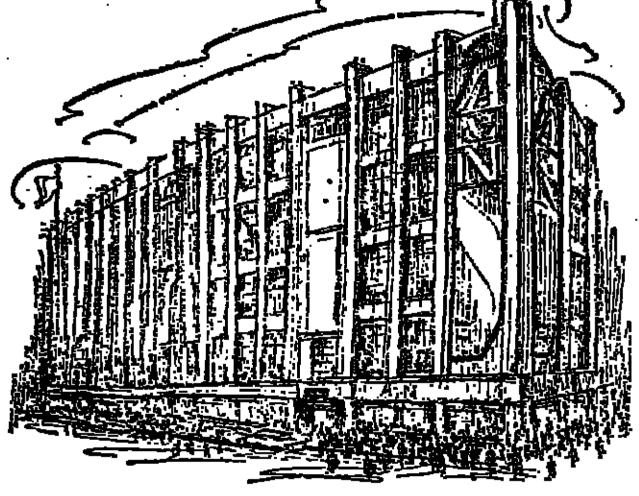
Architects of the scheme, which was developed by Chelwood Properties, were Elsom Pack & Roberts, founded by Mr Cecil Elsom (left) in 1947. The other partner most closely concerned was Mr Alan Roberts (right).



Detail of Ashdown House, showing the modelling of the windows. Materials are granite, stainless steel and brown glass.

The heart of Shopping in Westminster



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THE ARTS

D. J. Lehrle: The Silent Valet (an intrigue)

Collage: the new connexion

The Concise Oxford French Dictionary lists three meanings for *collage* 1. pasting, paper-hanging; 2. clarifying (of wine); 3. *(popular) amour,* illicit amorous tie. All are relevant in different ways to the adoption of the word for one of the most important techniques of twentieth-century art. Its beginnings are in the history of man's primitive artifacts, but it is in the nineteenth century with the proliferation of mass-produced *images like* postage stamps, transfers, advertisements and cheap popular illustrations that its recent origins lie. A suitable pastime *for* leisured young ladies, children and anyone adept with scissors and paste, the fact that it was originally a technique used by amateurs rather than *artists has remained* important because in collage the artist can dispense with technical mystique and work directly with images and ideas.

The Cubists were the first artists systematically to incorporate real objects or ready-made images into their works, but collage was given an ideological and social direction by the Futurists and an anarchistic freeing from formal aesthetics by the Dadaists, so that it became both a clarifying of the complexity of the modern world, and also an "amour" or "illicit amorous tie" between disparate images. Marinetti's advocacy in his literary manifestos of direct analogy, the juxtaposing of incongruous ideas, short-circuiting the logic and linearity of traditional modes suggested to artists the placing together of disparate images to make new connexions.

The recently published *History of Collage* by Eddie Wolfram (Studio Vista £7.50) traces its origins and development. It has a good many illustrations, but even these cannot do justice to the variety of activity described in the text and, as is almost unavoidable in a wide survey of this kind, the groupings and critical comment are pretty summary and superficial. One of Wolfram's own collages, a flamboyant juxtaposing *of images of food and sex,* is in *Collage,* an anthology exhibition at Angela Flowers gallery which ranges from veteran British surrealists like Roland Penrose and Conroy Maddox to artists in their early twenties. Inevitably the quality is varied and the collage technique is one that can easily lead to the flip *juxtaposition* or the superficial gesture, but there are quite a high proportion of interesting works particularly by relatively little-known artists including *D. J. Lehrle.*

Martin Sharp has taken a typically contorted and agonized male figure from a reproduction of a Francis Bacon painting and collaged *it on top of* Magritte's blue mountain in the form of an eagle. Some artists have sent in work already produced, others have made things *specially for the exhibition,* and this has sometimes resulted in work very different from usual, as in a series of collages based on a newspaper photograph of two victims of *sectarian* murder in Northern Ireland by Boyd and Evans. They normally work together on meticulous neo-surrealist paintings, and these *collages have an untypical* directness.

Some of the most memorable and disturbing pictures are from Northern Ireland in *A Matter of Style* at the Photographers' Gallery, a show by a dozen press photographers, all of whom have produced a good number of powerful images. Some of these are *familiar but* there are others, presumably those that did not get into the papers, which are equally strong. Some of the captions *are a bit coy, others* make the point precisely. But why the title of the exhibition, since style seems to have very little to do with what is remarkable *about* the best of these press pictures, although it is true that style is never entirely absent from even the most utilitarian photograph.

Photomontage *was* a *collage* technique much used in the Twenties, when it virtually became a cliché. But John Heartfield made it into a powerful political weapon *more effective* in its time than drawn caricature. An impressive portfolio of poster-sized versions of these montages has recently been *published in East Germany* where Heartfield spent the last years of his life, after 12 as a refugee in Britain. (John Heartfield: 33 Fotomontagen, VEB Verlag *der Kunst,* Dresden.) These can be seen displayed on the walls at Artists for Democracy, 143 Whitfield Street, W.1. The selection includes most of Heartfield's best-known works, but there are some omissions which no doubt reflect the political viewpoint of the DDR, like the brilliant montage of Goebbels as a valet standing on a chair to fit Hitler out with Karl Marx's beard.

Paul Overy

Crespin acts Carmen at the Met

The Metropolitan Opera's first new *production of the season, Le nozze di Figaro,* left a rather perplexing impression. One could admire the concept that the producer, Günther Rennert, *attempted to realize on stage* and the earnest endeavours of the cast to give it dramatic life, but somehow the music was shortchanged in the process. Visually *there* were many provocative moments, and Rennert, despite the many versions of *Figaro* he has staged all over the world, found some fresh *statements to make.*

The essential tone of the performance was one of sensual explicitness: Rennert, without resorting in the slightest to coarseness or vulgarity, *italicized* the sexual drives that motivate each character. The most obvious case, of course, is the Count, whose pursuit of Susanna *became an almost obsessive* desire for physical release. More unusual was the treatment of Cherubino and the Countess. Perhaps taking his *cue from* Beaumarchais's *La Mère coupable,* in which the Countess conceives a child by the former page boy, these two became virtual lovers during the course of Act II—or would have, had the Count not interrupted their love play. By bringing these elements to the surface, Rennert created an uncommonly vivid and immediate drama that always effectively underscored the music's passionate accents.

With a strong conductor, the cast might possibly have seemed better than it did in actual practice. Unfortunately, Steuart Bedford functioned as little more than an efficient timebeater. The orchestra played well and produced a warm, homogeneous carpet of sound *but there* was *little meaningful* harmonic or rhythmic pointing in a reading that lacked grace and a strong musical shape. As for the singers, only Frederica von Stade was truly outstanding, a Cherubino of one's dreams, lusciously *sung* and exquisitely acted.

Evelyn Lear as the Countess worked diligently to project Rennert's idea of a sensually starved woman in her middle years, but her voice seemed *thin and her* character coldly calculating. Judith Blegen, on the other hand, enacted a conventional Susanna comprised of pert soubrette posturings, while *her Figaro,* Justino Diaz, hardly created a stage presence at all. Wolfgang Brendel, a young German baritone in his Met debut, *made a dashing Count,* but his vocalization of the role rarely seemed more than professionally competent.

Régine Crespin

Perhaps the most arresting *and controversial performance* to be seen at the Met to date this season is Régine Crespin's Carmen, a role she had previously recorded and sung in concert but never before on stage. Crespin's Carmen is one of inexhaustible fascination and consistent vocal allure. Few would deny the latter, for the soprano seems to have returned to complete vocal health after several years of technical problems, and rarely has Bizet's music been more seductively phrased or hauntingly coloured. And what a pleasure to hear the French text, both sung and spoken, handled with such natural, easy authority!

Dramatically, this was *not* a Carmen for all tastes. Crespin is a large, strikingly handsome woman, her stage manner invariably graceful and subdued, yet in moments of tension utterly commanding. Best of all, Crespin has worked out a conception of the part that works for her in almost every respect. For the first act and a half, this Carmen is *nonchalant,* vaguely *amused by the* influence she exercises over *men,* but detached and blasé. When Don José hurls her to the floor just before singing his Flower Song, the violent gesture seems to crystallize in Carmen *the realization that* her ultimate freedom lies in death and that José is the means to achieve this goal. From that point until she virtually embraces her lover's knife, Carmen is transformed into a bitter, taunting, self-destructive woman as she goads José to murder—and the instant of death when she reaches out to caress José becomes a moment of almost unbearable pathos. Only the greatest artistry could bring off such an unusual interpretation, and Crespin holds one in thrall every instant she is on stage.

Nothing in the performance equalled her — James McCracken's *José,* Matteo Manuguerra's Escamillo, Lucine Amara's Micaela and Henry Lewis's conducting were all, in fact, distinct liabilities. None the less, those who respond to the special kind of vocal sophistication and compelling *drama* of Crespin's brilliantly conceived Carmen will never forget it.

Peter Davis

LSO/Previn

Festival Hall

William Mann

It should be a capital offence to play Mozart's double-piano concerto in public unless you and *your* fellow pianist have agreed on the length of every note, the *shape* of every trill, the articulation of every phrase. Far too *often it* is played by two individually distinguished pianists who treat the concerto as a glorious diversion, playing it as they *might* late on a Saturday night among convivial company.

On South Bank on Sunday André Previn and Radu Lupu went through the piece in this spirit of good fun, not inexpressively but with a lack of precision and *unanimity* and care that would have earned catcalls if they had not both been household names. It was a performance not to be dwelt on here, especially *since the* rest of the concert was more distinguished as music-making.

The performance of Brahms's D minor piano concerto was notable for the emergence of Mr Lupu, poet of the pianissimo, as a big and bold stormer of the ivories. The work abounds in gently musing passages such as *suit* Mr Lupu's special powers of delicacy to perfection: several, but not all, *of these found him* masterly in control and balance (the second solo in the Adagio was almost too blatant for those who remember Solomon or, indeed, Arrau).

The splendours of Mr Lupu's reading were the electric-bell triple trills in the first *movement, the grand, fully saturated* loud chords at the recapitulation, the cascading double octaves at the start of the development. There were many other pleasures in his performance, some miscalculations too of *tension,* pace, *nuance.* The orchestral part was enthusiastic but ill balanced, as if Mr Previn and the LSO had no faith in the orchestration of the young Brahms (but in Pierre Monteux's day I heard the LSO play *this same score* with impeccable sensibility). Mr Lupu's performance was, all the same, memorable.

It was, on paper, an evening of concertos, since the first item was Ravel's Introduction and Allegro with Osian Ellis as the spell-binding harpist, exquisitely flexible in phrasing and nuance.

But the performance caught fire *not least* because Mr Ellis's colleagues played at his level of eloquence, tirelessly attentive to every detail and to balance of texture. It was chamber *music at its most enlightened.*

Supertramp

Hammersmith Odeon

Philip Norman

Christmas in the pop business *is fast becoming as fatiguing* as in the world outside. We have the Carpenter's seasonal record to endure and details of the Radio One calendar, and also a *whole series* of nonentities "in concert" right up to the last moment of expenditure. Now, indeed, do the ticket touts come into their own. *They* are *so bold* that they actually follow one into the theatre. It is hard to see, in their urgent, wind-scorched *faces,* the *image* of Santa Claus.

A number of these self-inflated recitals took place on Sunday in London, among which only the *supertramp* concert at Hammersmith promised even remote interest. Although as a band, they are comparatively recent, they have enjoyed *critical success with their* first album "Crime of the Century" and have joined a small minority which can achieve success in the hit-parade while seeming, *musically* and mentalyl, far beyond it.

The important thing about Supertramp is that they have more musical *instruments than* men. They have five men, and three sets of keyboards at least, as well as clarinets and saxophones waiting in racks around their feet. On stage *they aspire* to the highly produced techniques of their studio work, with each man given several jobs and all disciplined to sudden stops and dying falls which could be ruined by a second's miscalculation.

There can be few bands, at the moment, playing such *strongly* individual music. Each song has its particular atmosphere, its ascent and climax, and insidious melody line. In "Dreamer" and "Bloody Well Right" there are signs of a song-writer with that rare power to turn ordinary language into lyrics. They often reach the point of being too clever, but *they never step* beyond it. For that reason alone, I would rate them higher than the only comparable band, 10 CC.

Why then, after a while, did *I find it difficult* to attend to them? I think it may be that *the music is too good for the* band. The music is good enough to cross into another medium like theatre or ballet. My eye needed some diversion other than five *hard-working* musicians. The chorus of three semi-nude youths (one wearing a crash helmet) did not quite answer that need.

I was impressed by Joan Armatrading's new, jollier *approach when she* appeared at Ronnie Scott's a few months ago, and on Sunday it was pleasant to see her music translated crisply over the formid*able space of the Odeon.* I remained convinced that her reclamation from her former dourness is largely due to her excellent band, The Movies. She *has become one of the more* intriguing singers and composers of the moment. I only wish that she did not spoil herself so when she speaks.

Juilliard Quartet

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Paul Griffiths

On Sunday afternoon the Juilliard Quartet wrapped up their distinguished Beethoven *cycle.* It was a small misfortune that just as they were tying the final strings to the parcel, in the closing bars of opus 135, a slight haze of quite *uncharacteristic* coarseness began to cloud over their fine playing. But that could be willingly excused, coming as it did at the end of a long programme of four quartets. For the rest, a capacity audience had every reason to feel gratified and grateful.

Perhaps the best thing in the recital had been the performance of opus 95, a work as capricious, enigmatic and fantastical as any of the last group. *Here its qualities of allusion* and ambiguity were not tempered by any "expressive" designs by the ensemble. They showed the rare ability to play feelingly, but without pressing on their hearers an easy, personal view of the music's mood or character. Far from emerging colourless, the music was thereby made richer and *stronger, more demanding* because less easily categorized.

If anything was missing in the quartet's playing of, say, the opening movement of opus 95, it was *something of* Beethoven's brusqueness. His discourse here, as so often, has a peremptory boldness, which the ensemble tended towards disguising through the very perfection of their style. That was by no means a serious fault: it could probably not have been mended without the sacrifice of other, less common qualities; and the quartet did have the capacity for giving due weight to tough dramatic eruptions, as they showed in the first *movement of opus 18,* No 3.

In any event, their beauty and limpidity of sound, the exquisitely drawn silver-wire playing *of their leader, their exact* and alive rhythms, and their perfect, mobile cohesion were all worth more than rhetoric. I would not want to have missed their *brilliant skittering* (of joy or frenzied desperation?) at the end of opus 95, or their intensely tranquil slow movement to opus 135, which came over as a *blueprint for a Mahlerian* adagio, or any part of a very rewarding recital.

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Purcell Room

Stanley Sadie

A few years ago a whole *evening of Dowland in a London* concert room would have been unthinkable: yet here we were, at the second of the Consort of Musicke's four Dowland evenings, with a full house and queues down the stairs.

Dowland, of course, is one of the great glories of Elizabethan music; but not even his strongest *partisans would* claim a wide expressive range for him. Within his particular sphere, however—the expression of grief—he is incomparably rich and subtle and diverse. Sunday's programme drove home the point of his *Semper Dowland, semper Dolens* by including, too, his tour de force, *Seaven Teares Figured in Seaven Passionate Pavans.*

Half an hour of pavans, identical in texture, tempo, *tonal* plan and metric structure, is a severe test. The music represents an *exquisite* exploration of the repertory of poignant device: one thinks of the increasingly elaborate counterpointing of those falling scales in "Antiquae novae", the startling chords, plaintive lines and striking suspensions in "Tristes", the breathtaking modulations in "Amantis". Its ability to sustain a single mood, with tears of every sort except boredom, is remarkable; and this sensitive, unexaggerated performance spoke eloquently for it.

Before that there was a selection of songs and consort pieces, and one lyra-viol solo. Kevin Smith was the singer, his sweetly melancholy countertenor well tuned to the music, impassioned in the elaborate lines of "Lasso vita mia", refined in "From silent night", expressively spanning those rising sevenths of "Goe nightly cares" (which Dowland put there, no doubt, to give himself plenty of room for his typical dying falls). Not all was sad: the inner parts are positively vivacious in the *Earle of Essex Galiard,* and *Mrs Nichol's Almand* danced charmingly. But, the passionate pavan apart, it was the richly sombre *Sir Henry Umpton's Funeral* that impressed the most characteristically.

■ The Royal Court Theatre's next production *without decor* on Sunday will be *Tale of Three Cities,* by Gebre Asefaw, directed by Nicholas Wright. The author is a young Ethiopian living in England, and his play "brings together the citizens of two maimed proud empires: Ethiopia and Britain". The cast includes Alun Armstrong, Jeremy Child, Peter Childs, Ian Charleson, Joanna Cooper, Peter-Hugo Daly, Lee Davis, Hugh Hastings, Carole Hayman, Paula Jacobs, Gorden Kaye, Catherine Kessler, Jeffrey Kissoon, Gwen Nelson, George Raistrick, Rena Sema, Sally Watts, E. A. Whitehead, Linda Goddard and Pauline Quirke.

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A RECEIVER FOR CHRYSLER

r Riccardo has returned to the aited States to tell the Chrysler orporation board the outcome his weekend negotiations with e Government. It seems likely at the deep divisions in the ibinet will be brought to a solution by the end of this eek. The negotiations about the ture of Chrysler UK have been fficult and prolonged because is episode is a critical test for e Government's new, more alistic industrial and economic rategy.

Certain elements of the Labour arty and the trade union movement have been in favour of ending whatever money was eded to preserve the jobs. But en within the Labour Party ere have been strong counter ences. Some have seen no eason why taxpayer's money ould be used to help the bsidiary of an American rporation out of its financial fficulties.

Others, also, have argued that, ice the Government's primary ncern is with its heavy present nd future commitment to British eyland, it would make little dustrial or political sense to se public money to assist a ompetitor in an industry which already showing signs of considerable total over-capacity. In ddition, the Government has nnounced that, in future, its dustrial policy is to be more elective than in the period when Ir Benn was presiding over it.)n such industrial grounds there s little reason to suppose that hrysler UK would be a sensible ong-term industrial investment.

Against this, Chrysler is in the niddle of a multi-million pound export order to Iran. Both the short-term balance of payments and the long-term credibility of British industry in a market of growing importance would be severely damaged if this export contract were not completed.

The sudden collapse of Chrysler would, also, produce further substantial unemployment in the West Midlands and in Scoltand. The West Midlands is already experiencing levels of unemployment without precedent since the war. It is supposed that if the Chrysler factory at Linwood in Scotland were to close the situation would be exploited by nationalist politicians. Indeed the revolt in the Cabinet against Mr Varley's proposal that the Government should put up only a modest amount of money in order to finance an orderly rundown of Chrysler UK's activities was, it is reported, led by Mr Ross on these grounds. A full future programme for Linwood, including the finance for future models would, however, require a commitment at least three times as high as the £35m odd, proposed for more limited plans. It would have to be provided by the Government.

In short, the political and industrial decision facing the Government is extremely difficult. It is, therefore, essential to maintain a grasp on two essential points. The first is that there can be no sense in a major financial commitment by the Government to the British subsidiary of a company in which the American parent has so little faith and where the parent itself has its own financial and commercial difficulties. The second is that Chrysler UK cannot be allowed suddenly to stop all activity.

In this situation there is the strongest possible case for the Government to stop treating with the Chrysler Corporation and to wait instead to treat with a receiver, if the American parent really intends to cut short its activity in this country. Whatever level of financial support the Government is prepared to authorize in the interests of fulfilling the Iran contract, or limiting the growth of unemployment in Scotland and the West Midlands should be made available to the receiver in order to enable him to continue trading.

There has always been a confusion in the minds of some Labour politicians, notably Mr Benn, between the functions of a receiver and those of a liquidator. Any receiver particularly one in as politically sensitive a position as this, would do his best, with the help of public money, rationalization and disposals to keep going what could be kept going. It would be folly for British Leyland to think of taking over Chrysler UK in toto, but there is no reason why it should not examine with a receiver the possibility of buying, say, the Linwood factory. The plant and machinery there is modern and flexible and could fit the Leyland reequipment programme. If money is pumped directly into Chrysler UK to maintain the present structure, it is certain that the only people to benefit more than under the regime of a positive receivership will be the present American shareholders.

REVISED ARITHMETIC FOR JUNIOR DOCTORS

There is no great distance now between Mrs Castle and the junior hospital doctors. If all things were conducted rationally and if the ostensible point of the dispute were really the source of the doctors' accumulated discontent, we could hope for an early return to full working throughout the country. Whether the profession's representatives will seize the opportunity at their meeting with Mrs Castle today is not certain; it is still less certain whether, if they do, all the junior staff who began o limit their hours of work even)efore the dispute became)fficial will call off the action ust because the BMA tells hem to.

The dispute has resolved itself into an argument over how much junior doctors receive at the moment in payments for extra duties beyond their basic hours of work. Their negotiators have now disclaimed any desire to break the national policy on pay increases. Unfortunately that policy has never been stated in clear and authoritative terms, and many of the misunderstandings that have arisen derive from obscurities in the White Paper of last July. Even the alternative offers made by the Department of Health can scarcely be reconciled with the White Paper's proposals, which were apparently intended to prevent any individual from receiving more than £6 a week more in total pay, overtime included, over an entire year.

Like the rest of the profession, junior medical staff received a substantial pay rise in April. They were unlucky that the long-prepared revision of their method of payment which had been expected to bring further increased rewards was overtaken by the July measures. The Department declared that a revision which cost no more in aggregate than the total sum already being paid to junior staff would be regarded as falling within the terms of the national policy, and the independent review body which sets the level of doctors' pay decided to make no change in basic rates, but to redistribute payments for extra duties. The offer was not very satisfactory from any point of view; nor were the slightly modified alternatives that Mrs Castle offered later. But they could be represented as consistent with the pay policy. Further concessions scarcely could be.

With prudence and public spirit the BMA's negotiators accepted that they ought not to challenge that policy. But they saw that if it could be shown that extra duty payments were in fact greater than the Department estimated, there would be more money to redistribute. Some voices in the profession have alleged that the sum paid is two or three times as great as had been thought. In particular, a misunderstanding has arisen over the Department's estimate, which was based on the payments actually made last year. Obviously the payments made since April must have been larger, and in fact the estimate was adjusted to take this into account. The matter is complicated by the fact that doctors did not actually claim payment for all the extra hours they worked; this too has been allowed for, though whether adequately or not may still be disputed.

Plainly there is scope for an open reexamination of the figures. Both sides now want one; Mrs Castle has made it clear that if extra money is found it will be available for redistribution. In fact, the parties are separated essentially on a question of fact alone. No negotiable policy concession is sought in this connexion, and so the pressure of withdrawn labour is in formal terms irrelevant. This may not be apparent when the underlying sources of grievance still exist. Some juniors may continue their action in protest against their long hours, though leaving patients untended is as perverse a means of increasing the supply of doctors as planting stethoscopes and hoping that they will sprout tiny housemen. Some may continue out of solidarity with the consultants, and that is indeed another story. Some may simply damn the pay policy, though the future of the NHS can only become blacker if the policy fails. But so far as this dispute is concerned, continued sanctions serve no purpose but to pass the time till the arithmetic has been done.

INDONESIA TAKES OVER IN EAST TIMOR

Two days before their invasion of East Timor the Indonesian government reiterated their support for Portugal's orderly and peaceful decolonization policy for the island. The people must express their wishes; the legal authority of Portugal should be respected; and despite the terrorist activity of the controlling Fretelin left-wing forces Indonesia would exercise the utmost restraint. Whereupon the marines landed and paratroops went into action. They will be withdrawn, Mr Malik the Indonesian Foreign Minister said yesterday as soon as peace and order are restored.

Such excuses are only too familiar. The Indonesians even plead that their troops have gone in at the request of the pro-Indonesian UDT party (and three other groupings all organized or backed by the Indonesians). In fact the sequence of events has been unmistakable. The left-wing Fretelin movement had established its control over most of the territory by September. The Indonesians confined themselves to naval patrolling so that supplies could not reach Fretelin while they armed and trained sympathetic guerrillas under the auspices of the pro-Indonesian parties across the border in West Timor. Once these guerrillas began to recapture territory from Fretelin during November, Fretelin replied ten days ago by declaring East Timor independent. This gave Indonesia the formal excuse of intervening against a threat of communism in the other half of the island.

As soon as East Timor's independence was foreseen Indonesia's intention to take the territory became plain. Unfortunately a divided and often changing government in Lisbon has managed distant Timor no better than Angola. Since last August the Portuguese have not even had any authority there. From an offshore island they have issued appeals to the warring parties for a conference but without result. Of course none of these political parties can be regarded as in any way representative of the primitive, ethnically Papuan people of the highlands, the pro-Indonesian parties least of all. The truth is that East Timor is a colony for which no easy design for independence suggests itself.

So the way is clear for Indonesia. Despite their protest at the Indonesian invasion the Portuguese can do nothing. Since the troubles burst out last August most concern has been expressed in Australia and New Zealand but neither government will now want to go too far in protesting or urging alternative action. At their meeting in Rome last month the Indonesians persuaded the Portuguese to leave the United Nations out of it. Nor will Indonesia's fellow members in the Association of South-east Asian States choose this as a cause to round on their powerful neighbour. Geographical tidiness and Javanese imperialism look like winning the day.

Arrested in Chile

From Mr Geoffrey Bindman

Sir, The arrest and detention in Chile without charges or trial of the British surgeon Dr Sheila Cassidy have rightly attracted much publicity and protest. Less widely reported is the fate of the body for which she was working, the Committee for Cooperation for Peace. This committee was formed in October 1973, following the military coup, by Cardinal Silva Henriques and other leaders of almost all the Christian and Jewish communities. Its purpose was to help the families of political prisoners and other victims of the violent upheaval which had torn the country. Over the past two years it has promoted schemes to relieve unemployment, helped to provide medical assistance and soup kitchens for undernourished children, and arranged legal representation for political prisoners who have been brought to trial.

The committee has been a living reproach to the military government, whose contempt for human rights has been confirmed in report after report from unimpeachable sources. Yet the humanitarian work of the committee was allowed to continue. Evidently the junta shrank from open conflict with the church.

Whether as a result of increasing confidence or desperation (one would prefer to believe the latter) the government's attitude has now changed. Two months ago Bishop Helmut Frenz, recipient of the United Nations Nansen Prize for his outstanding work for refugees, was denied reentry to Chile after attending a meeting in Geneva. During the last month, at least 12 of the committee's workers have been arrested, among them the Jesuit priest Fernando Salas, who was the first secretary to the committee, two other priests, Fathers Cariola and Panchot, and two lawyers Jose (Pepe) Zalaquet and Marcel Dussaud.

I met the last two when I visited the offices of the committee in August last year. Even at that time they knew they were in constant danger of arbitrary arrest and ill-treatment from the secret police (the notorious DINA). In spite of this they continued to uphold the ideals of their profession with the utmost courage.

It is tempting to think that protest is futile, when there has been so much already with apparently so little effect. But the imminent extinction of the last organized defender of human rights in Chile cannot be passed over in silence.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY BINDMAN,
249 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
December 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bringing back the death penalty

From the Archbishop of Birmingham

Sir, Laws passed in anger, however justified, have consequences extending far beyond the intention which prompted them. To reintroduce the death penalty would give it status once again as an accepted part of our legal system. It would encourage the notion that problems can be solved simply and definitively by an act of violent punishment. But in human affairs the Gordian knot is better unravelled than cut. The *Kojak* solution of a shoot-out and corpses provides a neat end to a television programme, but where real human beings are involved Christians are surely committed to a more difficult and maybe untidy and frustrating course.

I suggest that the reintroduction of the death penalty now would be neither justified nor effective.

Christian tradition recognizes the right of the state to inflict the death penalty: "He beareth not the sword in vain." But the killing of a human being is so serious a matter that the exercise of even an acknowledged right must be circumscribed within the strictest limits, as when the very existence of the community is imperilled. We are not yet at that point.

Nor would the death penalty be effective, particularly in the case of political violence. Unlike the ordinary criminal, the "freedom fighter" goes out prepared to die for a cause which he believes is greater than himself, even welcoming the sacrifice of his life if it will arouse fervour for his "cause" in an indifferent public.

We must not allow ourselves to be pushed into adopting the mentality of the men of violence. The Spaghetti House and Monasterevan are wiser counsellors than anger.

Yours faithfully,
†GEORGE PATRICK DWYER,
Archbishop of Birmingham,
Archbishop's House,
St Chad's Queensway,
Birmingham.
December 7.

From Mr Brian Crozier

Sir, In one important aspect the current debate on whether or not to restore the death penalty for convicted terrorists is irrelevent. The point is that terrorism is a form of war—an internal war. In a state of war it is not customary to refrain from killing the enemy, or to bring him to trial if he is captured.

It may well be that the Home Secretary was groping towards recognition of this fundamental point when he said of the murderers of Ross McWhirter: "If they were shot in the act I would have no sympathy of any sort."

Although the concept of "internal war" does not exist in our traditional constitution, there are precedents for the situation we now face, and for appropriate measures to deal with it. Let the problem be faced squarely.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN CROZIER,
Travellers' Club,
106 Pall Mall, SW1.

High taxation

From Mr Ian Gow, Conservative MP for Eastbourne

Sir, In his letter (December 1) the Chairman of Dorman Smith Holdings Ltd, who has decided to emigrate partly because of what he describes as the "present ludicrous personal rates of taxation", refers to the actions and legislation of the last Conservative Government, and to the prospects under the next.

He appears to have overlooked the fact that when the Conservative Government took office in June, 1970, the top marginal rates of tax on earned and "unearned" income were 91¼ per cent and 91¼ per cent; that when that Government left office, the rates were 75 per cent and 90 per cent; and that, after nearly two years of a Labour Government, they are now 83 per cent and 98 per cent.

The present Government, as Sir Geoffrey Howe has pointed out in recent speeches, is literally driving the successful entrepreneur, like the Chairman of Dorman Smith Holdings Ltd, away from Britain by a ludicrous rate of tax on earned income, and a vicious assault on the private sector.

The next Conservative Government, by contrast, like the last, will, as soon as possible, reduce the top marginal rates of tax and will seek to create conditions in which industry and the successful entrepreneur, as the principal creators of wealth, can prosper.

Of course the last Conservative Government made mistakes; but I regret Mr Atherton's forthcoming departure to the Isle of Man. I wish that he had decided to stay to fight for a free and prosperous Britain.

Yours faithfully,
IAN GOW,
House of Commons.
December 4.

Highest mountain

From Brigadier R. A. Gardiner

Sir, Your Science Editor should check his facts before rushing into print! On November 22, you published his report that Mount Chimborazo, in Ecuador, is 7,058 feet higher than Everest, and stating that heights are measured from the centre of the earth. This is nonsense. The geoid is a physical reality, the mean sea level, and the datum to which all heights are referred. The geoidal height of Chimborazo is about 20,702 feet and of Everest 29,028 feet.

Since the earth is a spheroid flattened at the poles, the geoid is inevitably closer to the centre of the earth at the poles than at the equator. The summit of Chimborazo may well be further from the centre of the earth than the summit of Everest, but it is not higher.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. GARDINER, Keeper of the Map Room,
Royal Geographical Society,
Kensington Gore, SW7.

Cost of Britain's defence budget

From Mr Philip Goodhart, Conservative MP for Bromley, Beckenham

Sir, In his important article "The wrong way to put a price on defence" (December 8), Lord Chalfont points out that "the frequently quoted figures seeking to demonstrate that Britain devotes a higher percentage of its gross national product to defence than its major European allies are totally irrelevant and misleading, if only because Britain's gross national product is, in fact, lamentably smaller than that of either France or Germany".

The early career of Mr Roy Mason, the Secretary of State for Defence, should make it particularly easy for him to accept Lord Chalfont's arguments. Mr Mason is a distinguished member of the National Union of Mineworkers, a body which takes an intense interest in mine safety. From time to time the National Coal Board carries out reviews of mine safety standards. It is easy to imagine the sort of reception any chairman of the National Coal Board would get if he were to stand up in front of a National Union of Mineworkers' Conference and say: "We have found that the safety situation in the mines is bad and is getting worse. *However*, we have looked at the amount of money that the coal mining authorities in Germany and France spend on their safety measures, and as they devote a smaller proportion of their turnover to safety than we do, we are cutting our expenditure on safety precautions by 10 per cent." Any chairman of the National Coal Board who put forward that argument would rightly be hounded from office by the National Union of Mineworkers—but we accept this sort of argument from socialist defence ministers.

Lord Chalfont points out that "on the really important calculation—namely defence expenditure per head of population—Britain trails well behind its principal allies". In 1975 we are spending $184 per head on defence (rather less in fact than the Belgians) while the French are spending $233, the West Germans $260 and the Americans $430. The neutral Swedes are spending $298 per head on defence this year, while the Israelis top the list with an expenditure per head of $1,043.

On every other relevant calculation Britain also trails well behind France and West Germany. We are devoting 10.8 per cent of government expenditure to defence in 1975. The comparable French figure is 19.1 per cent while West Germany is spending 24.7 per cent. In Britain 3.4 per cent of the men between 18 and 45 are serving in the armed forces, in France the figure is 4.8 per cent and in West Germany 4.0 per cent. We have 242,000 men in the reserves, the French have 450,000 and the Germans 1,183,000.

It is against this background of comparative weakness that the Government is contemplating a further round of massive defence cuts.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GOODHART,
House of Commons.
December 8.

Cuts in postal service

From Mr E. W. Pearcey

Sir, In the absence of Lord Peddie abroad, I should like to comment on behalf of the Post Office Users' National Council on the letters from Mr Tom Jackson (December 4) and Mr Alex Currall (December 5) about postal service cuts.

POUNC has consistently rejected cuts in postal services as immediate solutions to short-term financial difficulties and on a piecemeal basis, without any clear idea where the postal service as a whole is heading. Nevertheless, our attitude is not one of blind opposition. Changes may have to come, but in considering them it is essential that the postal service—a vital part of the structure of modern society—should be seen as a totality and amended only in a planned, coherent fashion.

In a report last August the council recommended an independent review of the Post Office, to include a fundamental reappraisal of what the community needs from its postal service. Such a study can be made only if the public has all the facts, including those relating to the second delivery which Mr Jackson pointed out and to which POUNC itself has drawn attention more than once.

What is at issue is not simply cutting out a short and uneconomic second delivery, but the introduction of a single daily delivery spread over a much longer period than at present, which would have the effect of delaying a significant proportion of letters and on current Post Office costings would save well under ½p on postage. The study must also take account of the "social" element in the provision of postal services.

The Government accepted the POUNC recommendation, and the chairman and terms of reference for the review committee have been announced. In the same report the council said it would not accept in advance of a fundamental study four "smaller" cuts proposed by the Post Office, including the withdrawal of second deliveries in rural areas. This principle applies even more strongly to possible abolition of the second delivery generally.

To make *any* cuts now would be to anticipate the outcome of the review. What is more, it would deprive the community of the opportunity of choosing between different ways of reshaping the postal service, since it is clear that once cuts are made they are rarely—if ever—restored.

Yours faithfully,
E. W. PEARCEY, Secretary,
Post Office Users' National Council,
Waterloo Bridge House,
Waterloo Road, SE1.
December 5.

Nationalized industries

From Mr Freddie Wood

Sir, As someone with a foot in both public and private sector camps, may I protest at the sweeping denigration of nationalized industries made by Sir Arnold Weinstock in his article in *The Times* today (December 3)?

I must not comment on the desirability or otherwise of the proposed nationalization of the aerospace industry, but I regret that Sir Arnold, in expressing his predictable distaste for the measures, finds it necessary to repeat the facile and unfair criticisms made so often of the whole of the public sector.

It is *often* forgotten that much of the public sector has come into state ownership because it was at one and the same time economically unviable and socially necessary.

To take my own industry as an example, bus services are now almost all publicly owned, either by the National Bus Company, London Transport or local government. They have gradually come into the public sector over the last 30 years because of progressively difficult financial operating conditions and it is almost certain that had they not done so there would be hardly any local bus services left today. That would be fine for those who have the use of a car but what about the old, the young and the poor who very often do not?

In my experience, the quality of the management and men in the bus and other nationalized industries is just as high as in any private sector industry. They do a job which in many ways is more difficult, frustrating and unrewarding than most. The problems of the public sector are in the main complex, intractable and deeply rooted and it takes a stout heart to face them.

I defer to no one in my admiration of Sir Arnold but I suggest he does the country a disservice when he characterizes hard-working and dedicated managements as "state-owned bureaucratic bumbledoms".

Yours sincerely,
FREDDIE WOOD, Chairman,
National Bus Company, and
Chairman, Croda International Ltd,
168 High Holborn, EC2.
December 3.

Bertrand Russell

From Mr Conrad Russell

Sir, Your correspondent Senhor Cutileiro (December 2) is engagingly frank in expressing his disappointment at the admirable letter from Mr Michael Burn in your issue of November 26: the intrusion of truth into stories about other people's sexual morals is often a sad letdown. However, in thinking that Mr Burn was concerned with Bertrand Russell's relationship to "the accepted values of his society", Senhor Cutileiro has missed the point.

Mr Burn was concerned simply with truth. Normally, qualities, even qualities so stimulating to public discussion as those of a "satyr", which make their first appearance in a man's life when he is over 40, and has recently suffered a disastrous marriage, an unhappy love affair, the loss of his job, imprisonment and widespread social ostracism, may be thought to be the results of overwhelming stress. Qualities which need such powerful circumstances to force them into the open may be thought to be accidental, rather than essential, to a man's nature. They may all the more be thought to be the result of stress if the man concerned ultimately settled down to an exceptionally successful and stable marriage.

The reviewers who have so freely discussed Mr Clark's biography of my father should perhaps ask whether my father's success in other fields has led them to judge his private life by a different standard from that which they apply to themselves and their contemporaries. It should perhaps be said, in fairness to the reviewers and to Mr Clark, that his biography is very long, and is not meant to be read in snippets. Only those who have read the whole book are qualified to judge it. Similarly, only a person who had known my father for his whole life would be qualified to pass an adequate judgment on it. It perhaps makes my point that there is no such person.

Yours faithfully,
CONRAD RUSSELL,
29 Hamilton Road, SW19.

Archaeology and the law

From Mr Alan Warhurst

Sir, The Museums Association welcomed your leader of November 25 drawing attention to the dangers to our archaeological heritage from treasure hunters. Dom. Philip Jebb in previous correspondence called it "site robbery". Unfortunately, although the term is morally appropriate, it is rarely so legally. The law on treasure trove and the provisions of the Ancient Monuments Acts relating to damage to scheduled monuments are, as Mr Charles Sparrow, QC, honorary legal adviser to the Council for British Archaeology, pointed out (letter, November 26) grossly inadequate.

The Museums Association supports the Council for British Archaeology in pressing for improved legislation to protect our archaeological heritage analogous to the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Act, 1975, for our natural heritage.

Museums additionally are faced with a moral dilemma in deciding whether to acquire archaeological material either by purchase or gift resulting from the activities of treasure hunters, which might otherwise be lost to scholars and the museum visiting public.

As your leader pointed out finds dragged from their context lose most of their historical value but may still be worthy of retention in our museums on aesthetic grounds. At a time when the International Council of Museums is devising a code of practice for museum acquisitions, museums in this country would be helped if there was a clear legal framework for British antiquities.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN WARHURST, President,
Museums Association,
87 Charlotte Street, W1.

Case of the TV licences

From Mr T. A. Roberts

Sir, I doubt whether on any pretext Mr Bernard Levin deserves almost half a page to exercise his high spirits or "vent his folly". But let him have it! We have not heard such an intellectual jester since Feste, the Clown. You, on the other hand, Sir, "are mad indeed, if you be no better in your wits than a fool".

In short, I am disappointed, nay disgusted by your complete failure to grasp the real issue behind the expensive legal parlour game recently played out in the Court of Appeal. The Master of the Rolls himself provided you with the clue when he referred to Mr Congreve's ruse as a "bright idea".

Lawyers are trained not to allow ethical considerations to impinge on their job of interpreting the law. Editors are not so circumscribed, and I was disappointed that you did not raise the question of whether Mr Congreve's action was ethically right even if it was within the law.

Some of Lord Denning's *obiter dicta* and your obvious approval made me wonder what kind of company you "top people" are keeping nowadays. His lordship can leave me out—and, I like to think, the millions of less enterprising licence holders—when he opines "that other people who did not have the foresight [save the !] to take out overlapping licences would not feel aggrieved if the licences remained valid. They would only say: 'Good luck to them. We wish we had done the same'." Up the bright boys!

Mr Parker for the Home Office was rather tactless when he suggested that the powers of the court might be called in question, should Mr Congreve's action succeed. Nevertheless, it would be no more than prudent if, in future, increases in licence fees were to be included as part of the budget proposals to take immediate effect. It will be in the joint interest of "Us" and "Them" to prevent the ever-present "farsighted" few among us from getting away with £132,000, plus £5,000 court fees—the cost to the nation of Mr Congreve's successful action.

Yours faithfully,
T. A. ROBERTS,
28 Green Head Lane.
Utley,
Keighley, West Yorkshire.
December 7.

Magistrates' justice

From the Secretary of the Magistrates' Association

Sir, As Mr William J. Hopkins writes (December 1) the stranger to a magistrates' court is at a disadvantage, and it is not surprising that he has misunderstood. He says that the word of the accused, given under oath, seems to carry no weight against the written statement of an absent police constable.

This is not so. If the defendant is contesting the charge, the prosecution must call any witness in person. A written statement from an absent constable will not do. (The only circumstance in which this could arise is the unlikely case where the sole evidence for the prosecution is a written statement of an absent witness which is admissible provided that a copy has been served on the defendant and he has not contested its contents nor required the personal attendance of the witness.)

Though he states that conviction for a minor offence often leads to disqualification this can only apply, under "totting-up", if there have been two endorsements on two occasions within three years. This system helps to prevent road traffic offences by deterring those who have had two warnings.

I am sorry that Mr Hopkins regards many magistrates' courts as little more than "rubber stamps" for police prosecutions. It is true that the police only prosecute when (if the allegations be proved) they are reasonably sure that there must be a conviction on the merits of the case. As for the doubtful justice of a magistrates' court compared with trial by jury, it is not for magistrates to seek to judge in their own cause. But we had hoped that the very careful selection of justices of the peace (where there are very few errors among about 20,000 on the active list in England and Wales), and their obligatory training, along with their experience and group judgment, make them a better tribunal than ever before.

These are open courts where the public can come and see for themselves. It is to be hoped that they will.

Yours truly,
A. J. BRAYSHAW,
Secretary, Magistrates' Association,
28 Fitzroy Square, W1.

Replacement buildings

From Mr Mark Girouard

Sir, Not all old buildings are worth fighting for, not all new buildings are terrible, and not all ministry lists are infallible. At the time when No 25 Kensington Gore and its neighbours were built they were heartily and rightly despised by the Christopher Bookers and Bennie Grays of their day. Although I am a founder member of the Victorian Society and have been fighting preservation battles for the past 20 years, I was greatly looking forward to seeing their turgid stucco façades replaced by something gayer and better. Alas, Mr Crosland has probably landed us with them for another hundred years. Indiscriminate preservers are almost as depressing as indiscriminate destroyers.

Yours faithfully,
MARK GIROUARD,
35 Colville Road, W11.

Wrong place?

From Mr D. C. Pratt

Sir, Further to Mr Norman Franklin's letter (December 4), would it not be even more wrong for the Mint to remain in a devolved Principality?

Yours faithfully,
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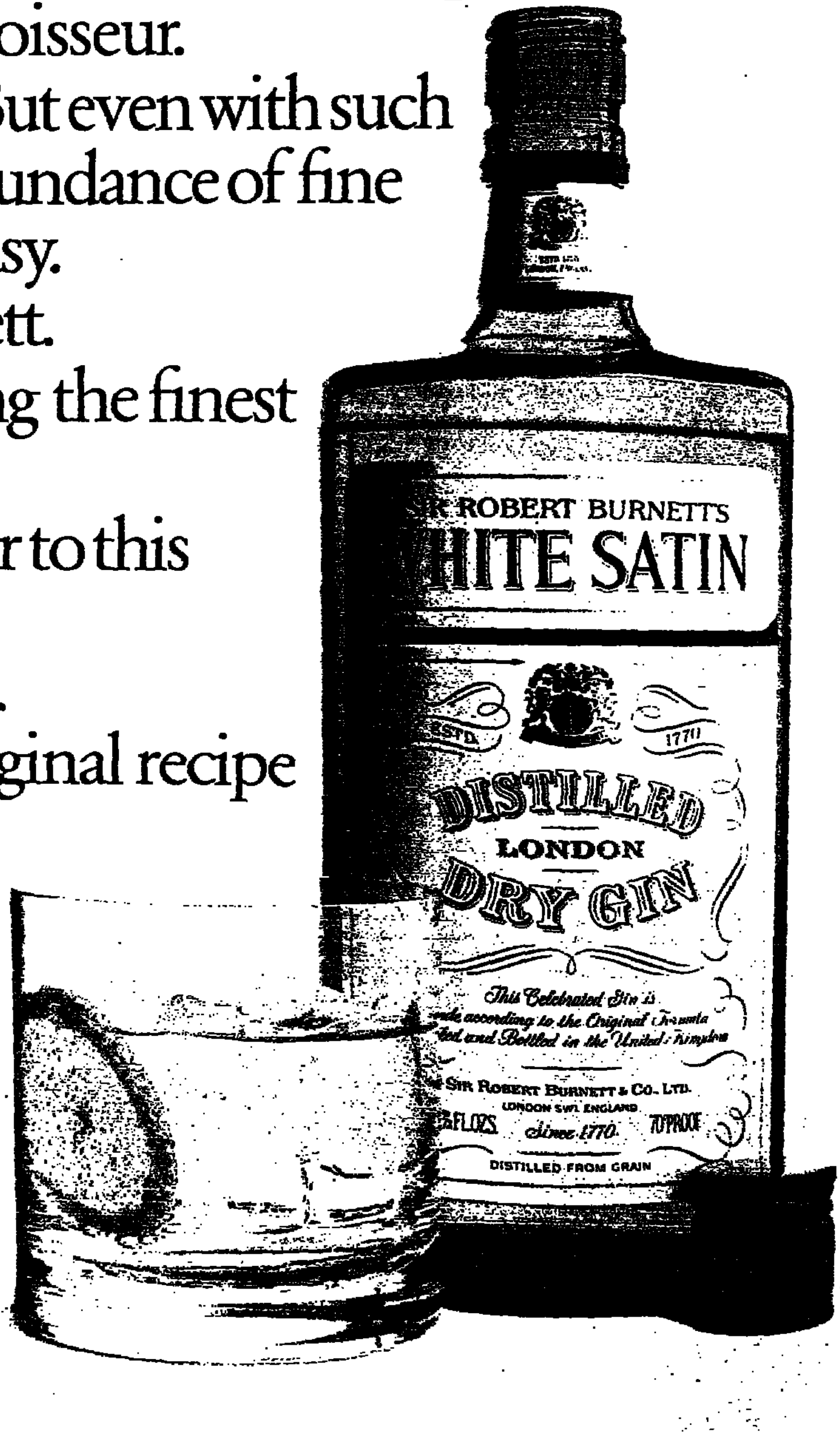
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COURT CIRCULAR

INGHAM PALACE
nber 8: The Queen gave a rion at Buckingham Palace evening for the Australian y Union Touring Party.
: Prince of Wales and The ess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips present.

ENCE HOUSE
nber 8: Queen Elizabeth The 1 Mother was present this ioon at a Reception given by Florence Nightingale Aid in ess Trust at St James's e.
Lady Jean Rankin and in James Duncan Millar were endance.

HOUSE
nber 8: The Duchess of as Patron of the National ty for Cancer Relief, was nt this evening at the West- er Ball which was held in f the Society at the Inter- nental Hotel.
ss Jane Pugh was in attend-

ncheon

ers' Company

Farmers' Company held their er court luncheon yesterday mholders' Hall. The Master, enant-Colonel C. A. Brooks, ded, assisted by the wardens, Nigel Strutt and Mr M. C. eley. Sir Richard Trehane, cipal of Wye College, the er of the Butchers' Company, the Master of the Painter- ers' Company, were guests honour. Mr M. S. Hankey, er of the Wye College gold l awarded by the Farmers' pany, was presented with the l by the Master.

ceptions

ical Society of London

eception was held by the ical Society of London at their e in Chandos Street, yester- after delivery of the Lloyd erts Lecture by the American assador. The guests, who received by the president the society and Mrs A. W. odruff, included:

American Ambassador, Sir Harold swerth, Sir Kenneth Robson, Sir il and Lady Clark, Sir Robert Drew, Hedly Atkins, Sir Brian Windeyer, Francis Avery Jones, Sir Eric es, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James L. Professor Paul Turner, Mr H. G. Eastcott, Mr Henry R. Thomp- Mr Maxwell Ellis, and Mr John Jardison.

ectic + Castolin Institute

e Eutectic + Castolin Institute ld a reception and informal ncheon yesterday at the mourers and Braziers' Hall to nounce the winners of the 1975 nservationist of the Year ard.

This year's national winner was itish Leyland Cars, Longbridge nt. The second award went to British Rail Engineering Work- ps at Horwich, and in third ce was Westbrick Limited, a e brick manufacturer.

further six highly commended ds were presented to:
y Roadstone Corporation, ston Down Quarry.
sh Railways, Dover.
Gears, Clevedon.
l Paper and Board, Gravesend.
nes Water Authority, Reading.
kinsons Limited, Kidder- ster.

Special Mention award was also esented to Cincinnati Milacron. e Lord Mayor of London, Sir ndsay Ring, was also present h directors and senior manage- nt of the above companies. In endance too were this year's ging panel, who were:

or-General Sir Leonard Atkinson, nediate past chairman, Department ndustry, Terotechnology Committee, chairman of the judging panel; essor J. G. Ball, professor of ical metallurgy and head of rtment of the Imperial College of nce and Technology, Department Metallurgy and Materials Science, ersity of London; Dr R. W. nis, deputy head, UK Atomic gy Authority, Risley Engineering erials Laboratory; Mr J. M. S. maintenance and operations ager, Greater London Council, ber of the Department of Industry technology Committee and chair- of the case studies and research l; Mr H. T. Jenkins, managing ctor of Robert Jenkins (Holdings) ited.

ne Eutectic + Castolin Institute represented by Mr O. W. Raalstad, ident, Eutectic + Castolin Institute, F. J. E. Tearle, president, Eutectic ipany Limited, Mr R. Buller, rman, Mr R. J. Griffiths, managing ctor, Mr R. H. Siddons, director, W. E. Fox, director, and Mr J. W. er, director of Eutectic + Castolin itute Services.

inners

opean-Atlantic Group

European-Atlantic Group held inner yesterday evening at St in's hotel after a meeting held he House of Commons, by cour- of Mr James Spicer, MP, who sided at the dinner. Other akers were Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Russell Johnston, MP, Michael Shaw, MP, and Lord onwy-Roberts.

nworth Society

Edward Heath, MP, was the st of the Tamworth Society at ner at the Junior Carlton Club erday evening. Mr Richard monds was in the chair.

r Society

annual dinner of the Old Mer- nt Taylors' Society was held night at the Connaught Rooms. H. R. Rose, president presided, the guests included the ter of the Merchant Taylors' npany, Sir Errington Keville the Master of Merchant lors' School.

itute of Metal Finishing

Institute of Metal Finishing d a dinner to celebrate their eth anniversary at Guildhall terday evening. The speakers e Mr J. Meijer, president, ernational Union for Surface ishing, Dr J. Edwards, presi- t, Dr S. Wernick, Mr J. ock, Mr T. L. Houghton, and A. J. S. Rudram.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. D. Birtles and Miss C. A. Hopper

The engagement is announced between Thomas Duncan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Thomas G. Birtles, of Shoreham Village, Kent, and Carolyn Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Cedric Hopper, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

M F. J. A. Dufourcq and Miss C. K. Godden

The engagement is announced between François Jacques Albert, third son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mme Pierre Dufourcq, of Versailles, and Caroline Kemble, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Godden, of Billingshurst, Sussex.

Mr I. A. Gardner and Miss R. Herbert-Burns

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr G. A. Gardner, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and the late Mrs Gardner, and Rosanne, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. Herbert-Burns, of Dorchester, Dorset.

Mr R. A. Hollins and Miss F. Burke

The engagement is announced between Robert Alexander, second son of Mrs P. Hollins and the late Dr Charles Hollins, of Dorchester, Dorset, and Fiona, daughter of Major and Mrs Arthur Burke, of Kloof, Natal.

Mr C. J. L. Roberts and Miss F. S. Wood

The engagement is announced between Christopher John Leslie, only son of Dr T. W. L. Roberts and the late Mrs G. E. Roberts, formerly of Luton, Bedfordshire, but now of Springs, South Africa, and Felicia Sara, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. G. Wood, of Bristol.

Mr E. D. E. Thomas and Mlle E. J. M. Royer

The engagement is announced between Evelyn, son of Mr and Mrs Oliver Thomas, of Manston Hall, Whepstead, Suffolk, and Elisabeth, daughter of M and Mme Denis Royer, of Eu, Seine-Maritime, France. The engagement will be celebrated at Eu on January 4.

Mr D. J. M. Whitehouse and Miss B. L. Ruggiero

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mrs M. J. Whitehouse, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and the late Lieutenant-Commander H. Whitehouse, USCG, and Barbara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L. M. Ruggiero, of Waterbury, Connecticut.

Marriages

Mr A. R. O'Hagan and Miss C. J. Franklin

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 6, at St Paul's, Canonbury, between Mr Antony O'Hagan, son of Mr and Mrs D. O'Hagan, of Kiambu, Kenya, and Miss Caroline Franklin, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Franklin, of Great Rissington. The Rev E. H. Halliday officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Roger Franklin, wore a dress of white wild silk trimmed with lace. Her veil was held in place by a diamond tiara lent by the bridegroom's family. She was attended by Annabel Pease and, wearing replicas of the Royal Horse Artillary uniform, Charles and Nicholas Handley Pegg and Julian Bowden. Mr Richard Henry was best man and a guard of honour was formed by officers of the Honourable Artillery Company.

A reception was held at Armoury House, and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya.

Mr M. L. E. Phillips and Miss S. L. Palmer-Tomkinson

The marriage between Mr Michael Phillips, son of Commander and Mrs J. A. Phillips, of West Meon, Hampshire, and Miss Sarah Palmer-Tomkinson, daughter of the late J. A. Palmer-Tomkinson and Mrs E. W. Grazebrook, of Bramdean, Hampshire, was blessed in Winchester College Chapel on Saturday, December 6. The Rev Paul Bates officiated at the service, assisted by Archdeacon Richard Rudgard.

A reception was held at Dummer Grange, nr Basingstoke, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Memorial service

The Hon Mrs C. J. Balfour

A memorial service for the Hon Mrs C. J. Balfour was held yesterday at St Andrew's, Kelso. The Rev E. M. Vinsent officiated. An address was given by the Bishop of Lincoln, and the lesson was read by Mr Michael Balfour (nephew). Among those present were:

The Hon Angela Baring (sister), Sir John and Lady Balfour (brother and sister-in-law), the Hon John and Mrs Baring, the Hon Robin and Mrs Baring, Miss Lucinda Baring, Mrs Michael Balfour, Mr John Balfour, Mr and Mrs Peter Balfour, the Dowager Countess of Rodnor, Mr Denzil Baring, Miss Leonora Baring, the Duke of Buccleuch, Earl Haig, and Lord Stratheden and Campbell.

Birthdays today

Lord Butler of Saffron Walden, 73; Miss Hermione Gingold, 78; Sir Stewart MacTier, 70; Lord Marples, 68; Sir Godfrey Nicholson, 74; Mme Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, 60; Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Smith, 85; Sir Peter Smithers, 62.

'Invite students' plea

The British Council is appealing for families to invite overseas students studying in Britain to their homes for Christmas. Families who are interested should write to Mr Jeremy Hughes at The British Council, 11 Portland Place, London, W1N 4EJ.

Mr L. Handley Derry, great-nephew of the poet, laying a wreath on the memorial

A heaven haven memorial

By Philip Howard

Gerard Manley Hopkins, the God-haunted, word-haunted poet who became posthumously one of the most influential founding fathers of modern poetry, was fittingly honoured beside his peers in Westminster Abbey yesterday.

Poets' Corner, in the south transept of the abbey, is the nearest place we have in this world to a heaven-haven for English poets, out of the swing of random and unjust contemporary acclaim.

A memorial plaque was unveiled between those of Eliot and Auden to commemorate in stone the immortal diamond, as he described his soul and all souls in "That Nature is a Heraclitean Fire."

The innovator of sprung rhythm and long chains of assonances and onomatopoeia is the first Roman Catholic poet to be commemorated in the abbey since Dryden. He is the first Roman Catholic priest and religious to attain a plaque in Poets' Corner.

So the service, on the centenary of the wreck of the Deutschland in the Thames estuary, which inspired Hopkins to start writing again, was as much an ecumenical as a literary occasion.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy from the Apostolic Delegate down attended, to honour the greatest Jesuit poet to emerge from that brilliant but not often poetic society. Leading lay Roman Catholics watched their leader, the Duke of Norfolk, unveil the memorial and entrust it to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

Sir John Gielgud made the air reverberate and tremble with readings from the best-known Hopkins, from "The Windhover" to "The Wreck of the Deutschland" and demonstrated that Hopkins can be declaimed; though you probably need a Gielgud voice to do it justice. Mr Handley-Derry, a great-nephew of Hopkins, laid a wreath on the slab.

The Dean of Westminster, Dr Edward Carpenter, made welcoming ecumenical references to the fact that Hopkins was a priest and that the day was the celebration of the Conception of Our Lady.

In his address, Father Peter Levi, SJ, said: "He had a restricted, unhappy life. He suffered intensely in ways that we can hardly understand, and he could hardly express. In his lifetime he was not taken seriously as a theologian, or a poet, or a scholar. And yet he had a profound and unconfined freedom of spirit, which is the work of Christ in every servant of God who comes face to face with him. That is what made him so great as a poet. It is something like love."

The man who wrote: "The only just literary critic is Christ, who prizes, is proud of, and admires, more than any man, more than the receiver himself can, the gifts of his own making" would not have been flattered by his overdue recognition in the abbey. But he could not have helped being moved by the sincerity of his earthly admirers.

The Month, the Jesuit periodical that rejected "The Wreck of the Deutschland" when Hopkins submitted it in 1875, today publishes an apology for that majestic literary blunder, now seen to be one of the greatest in the history of publishing. It says: "The one unwise blunder has gained for The Month more notoriety than all the distinguished articles it has wisely published."

Archaeology report

Change in publication policy urged

A radical revision of government policy on the publication of the results of archaeological excavations is needed to resolve the difficulties caused by the large backlog of unpublished material, a report by the Department of the Environment says. The report, by a working party of the Ancient Monuments Board for England Committee for Rescue Archaeology, recommends an expansion of government financial support for publication in journals and by commercial publishers, the establishment of publication media by the Department of the Environment for specialist reports, and the formalization of excavation records into different levels of importance, with selective publication

The report, produced under the chairmanship of Professor S. S. Frere, of Oxford University, has been welcomed by Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, and in a foreword Lady Birk, Under-Secretary of State in the department, says that Mr Crosland "fully endorses the policy of aiming at a balance between rescue excavation and the publication of the results", but points out that the Government will have to study the report before committing itself on the immediate implementation of the recommendations.

The difficulties over publication are now apparent, the report says, because more, larger and more complex excavations are being carried out. They are supported by increased specialist work, without any increase in the media available for publication of results and in the face of soaring printing costs.

Publication is essential "to nourish the development of the subject, to ensure the preservation of knowledge, and to popularize results and thus strengthen public support" for archaeology; but not all classes of information need to be circulated equally widely, the report says. It suggests four levels of records ranging from general notes through detailed excavation descriptions and illustrations, to a synthesis of the evidence backed up by relevant finds and specialist reports. Publication at this last level should be the objective for all excavations, the report says, but only in association with full preservation and availability of the detailed records.

For this material to be available a high standard of preparation equal to that of publication itself would be necessary, together with standardized recording systems. Recording on computer stores, microfilm or microfiche would make the provision of information to scholars easier. The selection and presentation of material requires skilled editing, and the report suggests the establishment of editorial committees, the members of which would receive some payment, and rapid expansion of the government archaeological publications section under a full-time editor. The funds which have recently been made available for rescue excavation must now be matched by a proportionate increase to cover the costs of publication.

Publication can be undertaken in a variety of ways, the report says, including the major research reports of the Society of Antiquaries of London, the monographs published by the Stationery Office, shorter monographs published by national archaeological societies, and papers in national and local journals. All those may be worthy of government financial support, as may be the subsidy of monographs produced by commercial publishers.

The report recommends particularly that support should be extended to the university presses "whose description as 'commercial' is often widely at variance with the facts and with the intentions of the presses". The advantages of achieving first-class publication should be weighed against restrictive practices, of subvention and Crown copyright, of a largely formal nature.

By Norman Hammond, Archaeological Correspondent.

Source: *Principles of Publication in Rescue Archaeology* (Department of the Environment, Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, W1. Free on request).

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, December 8, 1950

The new constitution for the Gold Coast was promulgated by the Governor, Sir Charles Arden Clarke, last week and electoral rolls will now be drawn up for the polling, which is expected to take place in January or February. . . . An executive council with an African majority will be the policy-making body, holding also departmental responsibility. Almost half of the Legislature will be elected by universal suffrage.

Many in Great Britain uneasily ask if the Gold Coast African is yet prepared for so rapid an advance. The Gold Coast is an important colony, both strategically and economically, and this country cannot afford to allow it to slide to disaster. Certainly a bold experiment is being tried, but the new constitution contains many safeguards.

Wisdom, restraint and firmness will be needed.

Science report

Ethology: Serious purpose of play

Detailed analysis of the behaviour of young baboons in Tanzania may shed some light on the function of play. Ethologists have speculated that playful behaviour may help young animals to develop serious skills, such as hunting, or that it may have an important role in establishing social relationships between animals living in groups. Dr N. W. Owens, of Cambridge University, has now found striking parallels between the relationships disclosed in playful fighting by immature baboons and the social hierarchy established by the more serious altercations of male adults.

A strong social order developed in some animals long before the evolution of human politics, and baboon troops have a well established hierarchic structure which applies to both sexes. But whereas females seldom fight back when attacked by others of higher rank, males are less predictable and may rise to the challenge of a dominant attacker.

The submission of females to the established order is probably a device to prevent serious harm to breeding females. If the attacked female submits the attack ceases. A similar situation seems to exist between immature males. But mature adult males, who are competing for access to females, food, and other important commodities, are much more likely to engage in battle in spite of status differences.

Dr Owens has found that the flexibility in the aggressive behaviour of adult males reflects that of the playful fighting of young baboons. Whereas the early playful fighting of females gradually falls into a pattern that foreshadows the adult pattern of dominance relationships, the pattern of the male relationships continues to shift as the animals approach and eventually pass their prime.

By Nature-Times News Service.
Source: *Animal Behaviour* (23, 757; 1975).
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Garrick's Temple to be restored

Garrick's Temple, built by the actor near the Thames opposite his villa at Hampton is to be restored at an estimated cost of £37,900, which will include floodlighting the building.

Richmond upon Thames council, which has been using the building to store deckchairs, has been promised a grant of up to £6,500 from the Department of the Environment, on condition that the public shall have access on at least one day a week, from May to September.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net before duty paid, duty not disclosed):

Neale, Sir John Ernest, of Beaconsfield, Astor Professor of English History, London University £79,785
Pace, Mr George Gaze, of York architect surveyor to St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.. £50,637
Carey, Mrs Marion Elizabeth, of Bayswater £148,844
Fellows, Mr Stephen Frederic, of Upper Gornall £169,110
Laws, Mr George William, of Weston Colville £141,795

Today's engagements

- The Queen holds investiture, Buckingham Palace, 11; attends poetry reading on 150th anniversary of Royal Society of Literature, Skinners' Hall, 9.
- Princess Anne, patron of Riding for the Disabled Association, visits Aberdeen group, Hayfield Riding School, Hazelhead, Aberdeen, 2.30.
- Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Chancellor of London University, opens Wolfson House, Medical and Dental Schools, Guy's Hospital, 4.50.
- Princess Margaret, Master of the Bench, dines with Benchers of Lincoln's Inn, 7.10.
- Princess Alexandra opens factory of Fidelity Radio, Acton, 3.

Latest appointments

Latest appointmenats include:

Major-General Earl Cathcart, deputy president, to be president of the Army Cadet Force in succession to Major-General Lord Bridgeman.

Mr D. B. McMurray, head of the English department at Fettes College, to be Headmaster of Loretto School in succession to Mr Bruce Lockhart, who retires in September.

Illuminated manuscript is sold for £14,700

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

An illuminated manuscript on vellum of *Flores Historiarum*, the celebrated chronicle of English history, written in south-east England about 1293-1307, was sold for £14,700 with premium (estimate £6,000 to £8,000) at Sotheby's yesterday. The chronicle covers 1066 to 1306 and has seven delicate miniatures depicting the coronations of William I to John. The buyer remains anonymous.

The sale of Western manuscripts saw strong prices, particularly for those with fine illuminations, and totalled £105,790, with 4 per cent unsold.

An Hours of the Virgin written probably in Cremona and dated 1495, with 15 large historiated initials and full borders containing further miniatures, made £13,650 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000).

Another richly illuminated French Hours of the Virgin of the fifteenth century, possibly from the atelier of Maître François, made £11,550 (estimate £12,000 to £15,000). A third written for Jean Rolin, about 1475-1500, with three large and 47 smaller miniatures, made £5,280 (estimate £3,000 to £4,500).

Sotheby's sale of antiquities and Islamic art saw unpredictable prices in a relatively narrow market; it totalled £77,769, with 22 per cent unsold. The top price was £3,520 (estimate £1,200 to £1,500) for a fireplace surround combining 18 decorative nineteenth-century Iranian tiles. A Roman bronze chariot fitting in the form of two leopardesses went for £3,300 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000).

A large series of Urartian bronze plaques dating from the eighth to seventh century BC were the most unusual feature of the sale; they were said to have been found in north-west Iran, and prices varied from £88 to £2,200, the latter price being paid by Robin Symes for a six-inch plaque decorated with two chariot scenes and inscribed with the name of the Urartian King Agristis I (789-766 BC); Sotheby's had estimated £800 to £1,200.

Three Parthian necklaces were bought in at £520, £600 and £950 against estimates of £2,000 to £3,000 each.

At Christie's a sale of Chinese ceramics and works of art totalled £118,314, with 11 per cent unsold. The top price was £9,240 for a rare early Ming stem cup decorated in copper red with three fish. That was the rarity of the Christie's sale and the price fell in the middle of their estimate, £8,000 to £12,000.

A fine fifteenth-century blue-and-white bowl with floral decoration and measuring eight inches across brought £9,009 (estimate £7,000 to £12,000; it was of the type most affected by last year's market decline. It might have made £20,000 to £30,000 at the top of the market.

Christie's sale of Persian and Islamic works of art totalled £36,902 with 11 per cent unsold. Prices for Persian lacquer again proved difficult to predict; one fine lacquer pen box or qalamdan painted with Bahrum Gur and the Seven Pavilions by Muhammad Kazim and dated 1878 brought £5,540 (estimate £2,000 to £4,000) but other pen boxes on which Christie's had been hoping for big prices were bought in below estimate.

The Félix Panhard collection of portrait miniatures was sold by Ader et Picard in Paris on Friday for a knockdown total of £234,364.

Austrian stamps: A fine collection of early Austrian stamps made £21,313 at Harmers in Bond Street yesterday. A 30 kreutzer rose "Mercury" newspaper stamp of 1851, on the original wrapper, made £2,500.

The day's total, including the Austrian section, was £40,711.

Science Museum

The Science Museum is to be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. It will reopen at 10 am on December 27. The library room will close at 5.30 pm on December 23 and reopen at 10 am on December 29. The museum and library will be closed on January 1.

Special units could stop child deaths, NSPCC says

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The deaths of the 27 children *killed* on average every year by their parents could be prevented *if* specialized units to deal with baby-battering were set up throughout the country, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said yesterday. Experience at the society's two units in Leeds and Manchester showed that the rate at which children reported to them were injured again dropped considerably.

In Manchester, where the first special unit in the country opened nearly three years ago, the number of children injured again has dropped from 60 per cent to 35 per cent. In Leeds, where a central registry of all non-accidentally injured children was opened at the beginning of 1974, the figure was 8 per cent.

A report by Mr Nikolas Rose, NSPCC research officer, published yesterday, suggests that previous estimates of the extent of battering in England and Wales have been exaggerated. If the society's experience in Leeds and Manchester is representative, every year 3,360 children under four are injured by their parents; 27 of them die, 1,300 are seriously injured, and 2,033 are moderately injured.

The two units, which registered a total of 124 children as being non-accidentally injured over a period of two years, are open 24 hours a day and offer support to the families of battered children. Their experience suggests that younger children are more vulnerable and that there is a clear link between battering and low birth-weight.

Children who weighed less than 5lb at birth formed 13.6 per cent of the children on the registers, although such babies represent only 1.9 per cent of all births. "There should be more support for mothes with low birth-weight babies", Mr Rose said.

The report says baby-battering is caused by many factors, including the social stress of a number of other children in the family, unemployment or marital difficulties. Children who are difficult, for example by crying more or giving trouble during feeding, may increase the anxiety of mothers and lead to battering. A central register, forming part of a special unit of social workers working closely with local health, medical and social services authorities, could help to detect battering, monitor the safety of children at home, and substantially reduce the risk of serious reinjury.

Registers of Suspected Non-accidental Injury, by Nikolas Rose (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 1-3 Riding House Street, London, W1P 8AA, £1).

Royal Society bursaries

Awards under the Royal Society Commonwealth Bursaries Scheme have been made to the following:

ROYAL SOCIETY COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION BURSARIES: Dr P. K. Bliakaramire, Makerere Univ, for immuno-chemical studies on Fasciola infection in cattle at Glasgow Vet S (12 months); Dr P. Satyanarayana, Sagar Univ, India, for studies on iron ores of Madhya Pradesh and ore search and ore appraisal at Imp C. London (12 months); Dr K. L. Yau, Cape Coast Univ, Ghana, for research on physical properties and formations of Al-Fe and Al-Cu alloys at McMaster Univ, Hamilton, Canada (six months).

ROYAL SOCIETY AND NUFFIELD FOUNDATION COMMONWEALTH BURSARIES: Dr H. T. A. Cheung, Sydney Univ, for research on 13-C and 1-H nuclear magnetic resonance techniques to study conformation of peptide hormones at Nat Inst for Med Res, London (six months); Dr E. A. Colhoun, Tasmania Univ, to learn about technique of palynology and its application to Quaternary stratigraphic sites, at S of Botany, Cambridge (four months); Dr F. Falconer, Guelph Univ, Ontario, to determine utility of satellite data (Landsat 1 and 2) in mapping ecological regions for wildlife management on regional or continental scale at div of land use res, CSIRO, Canberra (six months); Dr S. C. Garg, Sagar Univ, India, for research on structural and synthetic studies on terpenoids, including new sesquiterpenic alcohol, C₁₅H₂₆O, at Imp C. London (12 months); Dr M. M. Goil, Bareilly C. India, for research on nematode digestive physiology movements of acetate, propionate and succinate into and across gut wall of "Ascaris suum, at Inst of Parasitology, McGill Univ, Quebec (12 months); Dr R. J. Le Roy, of Guelph Waterloo Centre for Graduate Work in Chemistry, Canada, for research on inversion in curve-crossing situations, at Theoretical Chemistry Dept, Oxford (four months); Dr J. A. McComb, of S of Environmental and Life Sciences, Murdoch Univ, W Australia, for research on possibilities of haploid induction with legumes at Leicester Univ (12 months); Professor J. W. McConkey, Windsor Univ, Ontaria, for research on post-collision interaction in the phenomenon of autoionization at Manchester Univ (13 months); Dr J. M. Oades, of Waite Agric Res Inst, S Australia, for research on interactions of aluminium and iron with clay surfaces at Reading Univ (six months); Dr L. C. Schmidt, Melbourne Univ, to work on structural stability problems in metal structures at the engineering dept, Cambridge (12 month); Dr I. F. Wardlaw, of the CSIRO Div of Plant Ind, Canberra, for research on aspects of phloem transport at Aberdeen Univ (12 months); Dr A. R. Wellburn, Lancaster Univ, for research on membrane function at Australian Nat Univ (six months).

OBITUARY

MR THORNTON WILDER

Novelist and playwright

Mr Thornton Wilder, the American novelist and playwright, died in New Haven, Connecticut, on December 7 at the age of 78. A writer who continued to the end, to ply his craft, he would have been accepted for many years as the most outstanding of contemporary American men-of-letters had prizes and popularity been taken into account. But for several reasons the critics have looked at him askance, and for every serious paragraph on him there must have been a hundred articles and books on Hemingway and Faulkner. It is an, as yet, unresolved question as to which was right: the instinctive judgment of the reading public, or the informed opinion of the critics.

Thornton Niven Wilder was born in 1897 at Maddison, Wisconsin, the son of the editor and publisher of a newspaper. His parents were Protestants and deeply religious. He was educated partly in Hongkong, where his father was American Consul-General for a time, and in California. He attended Oberlin College, transferring in 1917 to Yale. He returned to Yale in 1919 after serving for a year with the Coast Artillery, the only force that would accept him because of his poor eyesight. He took his BA in 1920.

Wilder taught French in high school for a time and studied at Princeton for his MA, which he took in 1926, but he quickly determined to make writing his profession. After 1928 he devoted his life to his writing, except for a period of part-time teaching in the University of Chicago, from 1930 to 1936. He built a house for his mother close to the Yale campus after his first success in 1928, and continued to make his home there for the rest of his life. His sister, Miss Isabel Wilder, herself a distinguished novelist, largely looked after his affairs.

Wilder published his first work of fiction, *The Cabala*, in 1926. The three stories which make up the work are interesting and well written but failed to attract much notice. In 1927, however, he published *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*, a novel which had as great a success in England as in the United States, where it was awarded a Pulitzer Prize, the first of Wilder's many prizes. The story is set in eighteenth-century Peru and is a skilful interlocking account of the lives of the five characters who are crossing the bridge at the moment of its collapse. It is so artfully constructed and un-American in tone that it was sometimes mistaken by the unwary for a translation from some Spanish original.

..*The Bridge of San Luis Rey* was very much at variance with the spirit and style of the naturalistic American novel of the day and hostility to Wilder broke out on the publication in 1930 of his next novel *The Woman of Andros*, which is taken from Terence's *Andria*. Wilder's methods and manner were violently attacked and his religion was described by his most outspoken critic as being "Anglo-Catholocism, that last refuge of the American snob"—a fair example of the level of the criticism.

Wilder once declared that the "novel is preeminently the vehicle of thhe unique occasion, the theatre of the generalized one;" an observation that hardly fits most novels and plays but certainly enlightens Wilder's own practice. He had published six one-act plays, *The Long Christmas Dinner and Other Plays*, in 1931, but his first theatrical success came in 1938 with *Our Town*; and a resounding success it was, winning another Pulitzer Prize. The play has hardly any plot, being concerned with thhe ordinary happenings of life in a village in New Hampshire, seen out of chronological order across many years, but these incidents are handled with the deep feeling and arranged with all the skill needed "to find a value above all price for the smallest events in our daily life," as Wilder himself put it.

He was not as successful at first with his next play, *The Merchant of Yonkers*, produced in 1938, but when it was later modified and produced in 1954 under the title of *The Matchmaker*, it went much better—and better still in its musical adaptation, *Hello, Dolly* (1963).

Wilder's greatest theatrical success—and a third Pulitzer—came in 1942 with *The Skin of Our Teeth*. The chronicle of the Antrobus family surviving all the great cataclysms of history, in spite of the odds against them, was especially appropriate to the circumstances of wartime. The play was as ingenious in construction as it was simple in effect—a sophisticated morality. The London production was made even more of an occasion by the brilliant performance of Vivien Leigh as Mrs Antrobus (Eve). Wilder's triumph was only spoilt by an acrimonious dispute as to whether his borrowings from James Joyce's *Finnegan's Wake* constituted plagiarism or not.

Wilder had published another novel, *Heaven's My Destination*, in 1935. The hero is an American salesman seen as Don Quixote; like his great original, he maintains his integrity through goodness of heart and simplicity of mind. A further novel, *The Ides of March*, a study of dictatorship in the guise of Julius Caesar, appeared in 1948. And in 1967, he published *The Eighth Day*, a novel with which he won the National Book Award for fiction, in spite of the competition of his much belauded and publicized juniors. His last novel *Theophilus North* (1974), was more autobiographical than its predecessors, an in places heavy, but essentially sunny book, recounting the progress of a young man through life.

Wilder was awarded the first National Medal for Literature in 1965, which proved conclusively his standing in the public's regard—a standing that will now depend on a long overdue objective review of his achievement.

He remained unmarried.

SIR GEORGE DOWTY

Sir George Dowty, industrialist, engineer and inventor, founder, chairman and chief executive of the Dowty Group, died at his home in the Isle of Man on December 7. He was 74.

George Herbert Dowty came to prominence in the aircraft industry and proceeded to apply the principles of his specialist products to other industries with such shrewdness that they were spread over a large part of the world. Within 30 years of an extremely modest start, he was the head of 10 companies in Britain, the Commonwealth and the United States and, although his labour force at home numbered only about 6,000, his turnover stood usually at some £20m a year. Part of the secret of his prosperity lay in his readiness to give manufacturing licences to companies abroad whereby he was relieved of purely industrial anxieties and yet was provided with a steady income which he devoted in large measure to research and development.

From the start, his interest in new ideas and in finding channels for their exploitation constituted his strength. He began as a draughtsman with no advantages but a lively mind and a stubborn determination not to shirk the consequences of his inventiveness. At that beginning, he owed a good deal to the advice and encouragement of H. P. Folland, then chief designer of the Gloster Aircraft Company, where young Dowty was a draughtsman, but thereafter for 10 years, he had a thin and arduous time. He had launched himself, in 1924, with an internally-sprung wheel for aircraft undercarriages. To his embarrassment, he received an order around £1,500 from Japan. Chiefly to satisfy that order, he founded a little company, rented a loft in Cheltenham at 2s 6d a week, employed himself at £3 a week and engaged the part-time services of two craftsmen who came to work for him in the evenings. When the work for Japan ended, orders were hard to get. The infant company kept itself alive by making small articles for various markets—metal labels for gardeners, developing dishes for photographers and the like—but at the same time Dowty was at work on wheels and undercarriage legs for aircraft.

In 1934 he got an order for undercarriages for Gloster Gauntlet fighters and found himself launched on the development of those telescopic legs in which the landing shock was absorbed by the travel of one tube inside another with a cushion of oil to lessen the ultimate jolt. Factory premises just outside Cheltenham were obtained and equipped. Production got under way and orders flowed in as re-armament gained impetus. In 1935 the company bought Arle Court, a mansion on the outskirts of the town, and turned it into a headquarters office with a dwelling for the chairman in part of it. There the chairman continued to live while research, development and testing departments grew up round it and turned it into the humming centre of the enterprise.

Dowty saw that as aircraft became bigger and heavier the shock absorbing in undercarriage legs would make increasing demands on hydraulic systems. He set his team the task of foreseeing these demands. This meant providing for extremely high pressures in the fluids, and the question of seals which would remain effective under such pressures had to be tackled. Adjusting the length of travel at given loads to fluid pressures and seal capacities soon made this business an essentially specialist one and Dowty's became the designers of undercarriages for specific aircraft as well as the makers of components.

As a result of this work, Dowty made contact with the coal-mining industry, suggesting the use of hydraulic extending legs, instead of the old-fashioned wooden pit props, which could be used over and over again. When trials proved their efficiency, he went farther and designed a complete system of roof supports for use in mining, based on his hydraulic props. To claim that he undertook these advances himself would be an exaggeration but he remained the inspirer and director of a team of engineers and scientists who led a much harder life than any of the artisans in his workshops. Towards his work people he was a benevolent employer; towards his senior officials he was a generous, friendly but intensely demanding chief.

His hydraulics moved on to railway buffers and thence to a great variety of new applications. His imagination was always at work and it had behind it a sound training in modern engineering. The seventh and twin son of William Dowty, of Pershore, he was educated at the Royal Grammar School, Worcester, and then in technical skills at the Victoria Institute. He had served an apprenticeship with Heenan and Froude and afterwards worked as a draughtsman with British Aerial Transport, Dunlop's A. V. Roe and Gloster. He was just 23 when he set out on his own in that Cheltenham loft. Thirty years later he served as president of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and was awarded the society's gold medal for the advancement of aeronautical science. He was president of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors 1960-61 and treasurer of the Society of British Aerospace Companies 1961-68. He was a deputy lieutenant for Gloucestershire and an honorary freeman of Tewkesbury and Cheltenham.

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96[illegible]	89¾	Exch	6½% 1976	98[illegible]	..	6.570	11.310
97¼	88	Treas	6½% 1976	96¾	..	6.719	11.519
101[illegible]	94¾	Treas	10½% 1976	99[illegible] ●	..	10.573	11.242
95¾	84¾	Treas	6¼% 1977	95[illegible]	..	6.573	10.559
95⅛	81¼	Elec	3% 1974-77	94⅝	..	3.170	7.556
103⅜	95¾	Treas	11½% 1977	100[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.408	10.966
93¼	84[illegible]	Treas	3% 1977	92¼	..	3.256	7.451
91⅛	78¼	Trans	4% 1972-77	91[illegible] ●	..	4.381	8.772
96[illegible]	88[illegible]	Treas	9% 1978	94[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.533	11.897
100¼	96	Treas	10½% 1978	97[illegible] ●	..	10.780	11.736
89¼	76	Exch	5% 1976-78	87[illegible]	..	5.702	10.165
91[illegible]	68½	Treas	3% 1979	81¼	+[illegible]	3.692	8.965
103¼	94¼	Treas	11½% 1979	99[illegible]	..	11.551	11.958
83[illegible]	69¼	Elec	4¼% 1974-79	83[illegible]	..	5.132	9.776
100[illegible]	94½	Treas	10½% 1979	95[illegible]	..	11.002	11.992
81⅛	67½	Elec	3½% 1976-79	81¼	+[illegible]	4.301	9.258
95	82¾	Treas Cnv	9% 1980	89[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.049	12.237
98[illegible]	86[illegible]	Treas	9½% 1980	90[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.480	12.508
84¼	69½	Fund	5½% 1978-80	84¼ ●	..	6.201	9.524
80¼	64½	Treas	3½% 77-80	80¼	●+[illegible]	4.325	8.738
97½	95½	Treas	11½% 1981	97½	+[illegible]	12.008	12.653
77⅛	61¾	Treas	3½% 79-81	77¼	+[illegible]	4.566	9.276
91¼	72½	Treas	8¼% 1980-82	87½	-[illegible]	10.112	12.277
204¼	89¾	Treas	12% 1983	99¾	+[illegible]	12.519	12.894
73	58	Fund	5½% 1982-84	73	+[illegible]	7.771	11.047
85¼	61⅛	Treas	8¼% 1984-86	76¼	●+[illegible]	10.959	12.414
75¼	57¼	Fund	6½% 1985-87	66¼	+[illegible]	9.860	12.087
76¼	53	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	71½	+[illegible]	11.239	12.941
47¼	32½	Trans	3% 1978-88	43	● ..	6.945	11.752
56½	39¾	Treas	5% 1986-89	51¼	+[illegible]	9.806	12.672
73½	53¾	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	66¼	●+[illegible]	12.454	13.857
59	41⅛	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	51½	+[illegible]	11.424	13.502
94½	87	Treas	12¼% 1992	91	+[illegible]	14.715	14.959
97½	83¾	Treas	12½% 1993	85¾ ●	..	14.714	14.980
57⅛	40⅛	Fund	6% 1993	49½	+[illegible]	12.479	13.976
76¼	54¾	Treas	9% 1994	64¼	+[illegible]	14.132	14.739
40½	23¾	Rdmptn	3% 1986-96	29⅞	+[illegible]	10.239	12.771
37⅛	24¾	Gas	3% 1990-95	30¼	+[illegible]	9.860	12.773
102	75	Treas	12¾% 1995	86	+[illegible]	14.978	15.123
77½	54¼	Treas	9% 1992-96	64½	+[illegible]	14.400	14.911
97½	90	Treas	13¼% 1997	93	+[illegible]	15.207	15.204
59½	40½	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	48½	+[illegible]	14.089	14.783
73½	53¾	Treas	8¾% 1997	62½	+[illegible]	14.309	14.999
77⅛	54⅞	Treas	9½% 1999	68¼	+[illegible]	14.754	15.036
24¼	21⅛	Fund	3½% 1999-04	26⅝ ●	..	13.103	13.945
67⅞	46⅛	Treas	8% 2002-06	55¼	+[illegible]	14.901	15.045
49¼	32½	Treas	5½% 2008-12	35¾	+[illegible]	14.713	14.835
63½	43⅛	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	54¼	+[illegible]	15.060	15.090
31½	22¼	Consols	4%	27½	+[illegible]	15.343	..
25⅛	20¾	War Ln	3½%	23¾	+[illegible]	14.968	..
29½	20⅜	Conv	3½%	24¼	+[illegible]	14.763	..
24⅛	17⅜	Treas	3%	20¼	--	15.318	..
20¾	14	Consols	2½%	16½ ●	..	14.989	..
20⅛	14⅛	Treas.	2½% Aft 75	16⅝	..	15.483	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

1974/75 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
84½	73¼	Aust	5½% 76-78	86	+[illegible]	6.446	13.012
79¼	65½	Aust	5½% 77-80	75¾ ●	..	7.224	12.707
69½	54½	Aust	5½% 81-82	69½	..	8.135	13.263
68¼	55½	Aust	6% 81-83	65¼	+[illegible]	9.193	13.195
97⅛	83	Aust	6% 74-76	96¼	+[illegible]	6.284	11.812
78½	67½	Aust	7% 79-81	77¼	..	9.269	13.262
100	84	Berlin	4½% Ass	93	..	..	..
95	92	Chilean Mixed		95	..	..	..
67½	52	E Africa	5¾% 77-83	60 ●	..	9.568	14.692
193	189	German	4½% 1930	191	..	..	..
41	23	Hungary	4½% 1924	29	+[illegible]	..	..

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
176	48	AAH	159	..	14.0b	8.8	6.7
103	22	AB Electronic	55	..	6.3	11.5	10.8
48	36	AC Cars	40	..	1.4	3.4	15.4
111	43	AO Ind	110	+6	3.5	3.2	12.6
66	13	AGB Research	41	+1	3.0	7.2	7.0
235	93	APV Hldgs	235	-2	13.7	5.8	9.0
80	21	AVP Ind	52	-1	3.7	7.1	5.0
80	13	Aaronson Bros	46	+1	2.4	5.2	11.9
16½	9½	Abrasives Int	15	..	2.2b	14.3	5.2
122	40	Acrow	116	-2	6.1	5.2	12.6
112	23¾	Do A	104	-5	6.1	5.8	11.[illegible]
23	15¼	Adams Food	21	..	1.6	7.7	3.6
30	5	Adda Int	6	..	..	..	..
170	57	Adwest Group	130	..	9.7	7.5	6.1
48	8	Aeron't & Gen.	19	-1	1.5	8.1	..
127	68	Airfix Ind	137	..	4.4	3.2	12.2
83	27½	Do NV	77	-1	3.6	4.7	7.3
90	22	Albright & W	71	-1	3.4	7.6	5.1
79	35	Alcan 10½%	£70 ●	..	1050	15.0	..
85	54	Do 9% Cnv	£58 ●	..	900	15.5	..
207	64	Alginate Ind	169	..	19.3	11.4	11.7
66½	25	Allen E. Balfour	65	-1	5.9a	9.0	7.0
49	12	Allen W. G.	30	..	3.5	11.6	5.2
37½	14½	Alliance Alders	31½	..	1.8	5.7	7.7
105	23¾	Allied Colloids	104	..	1.9	1.8	12.9
24	7½	Allied Insulators	21½	+½	1.8	8.1	6.6
13½	4½	Allied Plant	13¼	+¼	1.0b	7.8	20.2
87	30	Allied Polymer	75	..	6.5	8.7	8.9
107	7	Allied Retailers	107	+1	6.8	6.4	10.4
41	7	Alpine Hldgs	21	+½	1.3	6.0	12.6
189	133	Amal Metal	188	..	18.6	9.9	3.1
70	15	Amal Power	48½	-½	4.7	9.6	5.9
53	16	Amber Day	46	..	3.2b	7.0	5.9
11	6½	Amber Ind Hldgs.	7	..	0.6a	8.3	2.5
54	24	Anchor Chem	45	..	5.2	11.6	..
174½	87½	Anderson Strath	164	..	13.1	8.0	8.2
170	24½	Anglo Am Asph	170	r +11	10.0	5.9	11.6
810	325	Anglo Amer Ind	680	-20	39.5	5.8	10.5
41	24	Ang Swiss Hldgs	28	..	..e	..	..
85	13	Anglowest	25	..	2.5	10.0	10.7
51	20	Appleyard	44	..	5.7	12.8	6.3
27	10½	Aquascutum 'A'	21	-½	1.7	8.3	6.8
82	29	Arlington Mtr	80	..	10.0	12.5	7.6
104	27	Armitage Shanks	63	-1	6.0	9.5	13.6
65	15	Armst Equip	60½	..	2.6	4.3	8.1
50	33	Asprey 8½% Pf	40	..	6.3	15.8	..
75	22½	Ass Biscuit	72	..	4.0	5.5	10.6
72	19½	Do A	64	-1	4.0	6.2	9.4
73	21½	Ass Brit Food	72½	-½	2.5	3.4	12.1
78½	24	Ass Engineer	72½	..	5.6a	7.8	9.5
89¼	24	Ass Fisheries	26	..	..e	..	2.1
37½	9½	Ass Leisure	28	..	3.9	13.9	8.6
165	52	Ass News	93	● -1	6.6	7.0	7.9
37½	18	Ass Paper	35½	-½	4.0	11.3	3.3
196	61	Ass Port Cement	176	-1	11.0	6.2	14.9
73	23	Ass Tel 'A'	66	..	6.0	9.1	10.2
32	26	Ass Tooling	28	..	2.9	10.5	4.3
26	12	Astbury & Mdley	22	..	1.4	6.2	4.6
120	47	Atlas Stone	115	h ..	7.0	6.1	..
25	11	Attwood Garage	16	..	2.2	13.9	12.3
72	18	Audiotronic	37	..	5.0	13.5	9.8
33½	13	Ault & Wiborg	27	..	3.3b	12.4	6.4
68¼	38¼	Aurora Hldgs	62	..	6.0	9.7	6.1
55	33	Austin E.	44	..	4.5	10.2	3.1
50	12	Automotive Pd	39	-½	2.3	6.0	7.4
116	41½	Averys	112½	-½	6.9	6.1	11.3
121	28	Avon Rubber	47	-1	1.5	3.3	..
66	17	BBA Grp	63	-1	3.9a	6.1	6.8
137	58	BICC	114	-1	10.2	8.9	8.4

MISCELLANEOUS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
12[illegible]	[illegible]	Ayoma Cen Rly	£10[illegible]	-[illegible]	26.0	[illegible]	
27	5	Antofagasta	£[illegible]	..	..	..	
45	15	Calcutta Elec	25	..	9.9	[illegible]	
50	34	E Surrey W Trs	£4[illegible]	..	700	[illegible]	
3[illegible]	25[illegible]	Essex Wtr [illegible]	£[illegible]	..	500	14.[illegible]	
2[illegible]	4[illegible]	Folkestone Insca	1[illegible]	h ..	10.0	[illegible]	
3[illegible]	126[illegible]	Imp Cont Gas	304	-[illegible]	12.[illegible]b	[illegible]	
430	120	LET Hldgs	11[illegible]	h ..	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mid Kent Wtr	£3[illegible]	..	500	15.[illegible]	
132	36	Milford Docks	47	..	..	..	
1[illegible]	65	Nigerian Elec	1[illegible]	+[illegible]	25.0b	10.[illegible]	
417	230	Perak Rvr Hydro	3[illegible]	..	26.9	7.[illegible]	
33½	25	Sunderlnd Wtr	£31½	..	500	15[illegible]	

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Co[illegible] price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspe[illegible] Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h [illegible] company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnin[illegible] capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or shar[illegible] Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. [illegible] significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 08.12.75 (bas[illegible] date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	138.[illegible]	6.49	11.06	[illegible]
Largest Coys.	140.20	6.[illegible]	10.[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Coys.	1[illegible]	7.01	[illegible]	1[illegible]
Capital Goods	154.[illegible]	6.97	11.49	[illegible]
Consumer Goods	1[illegible]	6.50	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Store Shares	1[illegible]	6.[illegible]	[illegible]	130.[illegible]
Largest financial shares	179.05	3.65	—	1[illegible]
Largest financial and industrial shares	1[illegible]	6.20	—	[illegible]
Commodity shares	[illegible]	4.43	10.67	[illegible]
Gold Mining shares	448.16	7.83	10.90	4[illegible]
Industrial debenture stocks	77.15	8.03*	—	77.[illegible]
Industrial preference stocks	50.30	14.66*	—	50.[illegible]
3½% War Loan	23⅝	15.03*	—	2[illegible]

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High		Low	
All-time	198.47	(15.08.72)	60.15	(12.12.74)
1975	156.92	(18.11.75)	61.42	(08.01.75)
1974	136.18	(28.02.74)	60.15	(12.12.74)
1973	189.33	(12.01.73)	120.99	(14.12.73)
1972	198.47	(15.08.72)	174.48	(10.01.72)
1971	174.77	(31.12.71)	122.23	(02.03.71)
1970	145.75	(14.01.70)	110.75	(28.05.70)

* Flat interest yield.

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merica threatens swift retaliation if ritain introduces curbs on imports

Frank Vogl
ngton, Dec 8

osition of import controls he British Government bring retaliation from ica. A senior White House il said today that "very ; representations" *had* made to Britain.

tests have been made by epartment of the Treasury he Department of State, as as Mr Frederick Dent, a ıer of the cabinet and l ambassador for trade iations.

Dent, the official said, already organized a top White House committee to w possible action if Britain duces controls.

merica might be forced to iate because it was pos- that British import con- would bring complaints by rican manufacturers under new *Trade Act, he added.*

retaliation could come in form of import duties or blanket import restrictions ritish products.

White House official said ident Ford told Mr Harold Wilson, at the economic summit meeting in Rambouillet, that the United States deeply opposed the introduction of any import controls by Britain. He stressed that such controls could give rise to deep political problems within the European Community.

The Ford Administration had been given assurances by the United Kingdom that it would be informed in advance if import controls were to be introduced.

"We have had no information on this matter yet and so we presume that no formal decis*ion on controls* has been taken by the British Government", the official said.

At the International Monetary Fund here, there is no doubt that Britain will soon impose some form of limited controls. However, informed sources say that no *steps* have been taken by the fund's directors or any country to suggest that Britain's application for a loan from the IMF oil facility should be refused if short-term import restrictions were imposed. A refusal was most unlikely, the sources state.

The only circumstances under which a refusal may be made was if Britain imposed controls over a wide variety of goods. Such curbs, the sources stated, were not under consideration and the United Kingdom had outlined its ideas on controls to the IMF's directors before making a formal announcement that it would seek a loan.

No objection was raised by the IMF directors to Britain making a loan application, despite knowing that import controls were under consideration.

Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the IMF, has made no comment to British officials that would suggest he personally would urge refusal.

Today Dr Witteveen is in Basle attending the regular monthly central bankers' conference at the Bank for International Settlements and it is probable that he will discuss the British loan and the question of import controls.

It would come as a great surprise if Dr Witteveen were to come away from Basle with the view that the loan should be blocked.

Mr Frederick Dent: meeting to decide American response.

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easures to protect employ- t, including tighter surveil- e and selective licensing of orted goods, will be an- ıced shortly. Consultations European Community part- and other interested parties expected to take place be- any measures on imports introduced.

he Chancellor of the chequer is now believed to coordinating interdepart- ntal studies of various meas- es which will be presented to rliament shortly as "job- ting", reinforcing the action ken in September to ease un- nployment and stimulate in- stment.

A statement may be made ter this week, providing the sis for discussion when the rime Minister and Cabinet inisters meet Trades Union ngress representatives next onday.

Firm decisions, complicated the Chrysler affair, will bably be taken on Thursday a Cabinet meeting. A cial meeting of the Parlia- ıtary Labour Party has been vened for Wednesday.

rafting proposals for selective import controls has proved very difficult in the absence of detailed data to prove "dumping".

However, it is felt that certain imports, such as cars, footwear and textiles (on which limited action has already been taken), have had an injurious effect on domestic industries and it may be possible to frame measures without infringing the fair trading articles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

By the use of quotas and *licensing it may be possible to* impose some temporary controls without inviting retaliation abroad against British goods.

It is also planned to mount a national campaign of import substitution, stepping up the pressures on British industry and distributors to examine their buying policies. Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, has already prepared a paper outlining his ideas.

The Treasury has been considering some relaxation of credit controls on motor vehicles to help engineering industries, *though this is conditional on* finding some formula for constraining car imports in the months ahead and dependent on decisions to be taken on the future of Chrysler UK.

Japanese car makers, who are also under criticism within the EEC, are expected in London next week for talks with their British *counterparts.*

The Department of Employment has been reviewing the temporary employment subsidy, now on a statutory basis, to see whether it can be further refined as a means of job protection, while the Treasury has been looking at the regional employment premium.

David Young writes: The footwear industry, which has shed 8,000 workers in the past 12 months and has an estimated 16 per cent of its present 78,000 workforce on short time, is concerned that import controls will either be too late or not tough enough to avoid further inevitable redundancies.

There is already concern that the chief importers will begin stockpiling to avoid the effects of import restrictions.

The industry wants an across-the-board limit to imports on a quota system, but there are indications that a licensing system *will be introduced. Importers* will have to satisfy the Customs and Excise department that firm orders for the goods being brought in have been placed by retailers.

This will have the advantage of allowing the Government and the industry to monitor more precisely the countries which are *supplying Britain,* and which retailers are buying abroad.

Television manufacturers are also preparing for a tightening of Japanese-made colour television tube imports, although since the imposition of the 25 per cent VAT rate imports of these tubes have fallen considerably.

Peter Hill writes: Controls on textile imports are already substantial, with strict surveillance of knitwear and clothing items covered by stricter quotas. These arrangements apply to countries such as Taiwan, South Korea and Hongkong.

Pressure for even tougher controls, however, is especially strong in the cotton and allied textile industry, knitwear and certain sections of the clothing industry. One estimate yesterday suggested that there could be 10 per cent fewer jobs in the Lancashire spinning, doub*ling and weaving sectors by the* end of this year. In the first nine months of this year some 23 companies had closed down.

Chrysler's chief returns home to inform board

By Edward Townsend

Mr John Riccardo, chairman of the Chrysler Corporation of America, returned to his Detroit headquarters yesterday leaving the British Cabinet to decide the fate of the company's United Kingdom car and commercial vehicle operations.

Ministers are known to have been in some disagreement over how to assist Chrysler UK and it is certain that at least one more Cabinet meeting will be needed before Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, will be able to make his Commons statement.

Mr Varley's proposals for a limited rescue scheme, centred on the Linwood assembly and manufacturing complex in Scotland, did not meet with Cabinet approval last Friday. Mr Varley, joined by Mr Harold Lever, *Chancellor of the Duchy of* Lancaster, and Mr William Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, then had further talks with Mr Riccardo and his executive team on Saturday and again yesterday.

After the Cabinet had failed to reach agreement on Friday, Mr Varley is understood to have put new proposals to Mr Riccardo which he will report to the Chrysler Corporation board on Wednesday.

The negotiations between Chrysler and the Government during the past five weeks have been conducted against the background of the American parent's decision to provide financial support for the United Kingdom operation only until the end of this year and the inability of Chrysler UK to raise additional banking support without state guarantees.

The presence of Mr Ross at the discussions reflects the *importance being placed on the* Linwood factory, where 7,000 workers produce the Imp and Hunter range of cars and body panels and other components for the Coventry-made Avenger.

However, any slimmed down operation based on Linwood would be at the expense of Chrysler's Midlands units where most of the work for the vital Iran export contract is carried out.

By the end of next week, most of Chrysler's 25,000 British workers will be laid off. With the exception of those at the Stoke engines plant in Coventry none has been given a firm date for a return.

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Overseas holders took out £380m sterling funds in third quarter

By Melvyn Westlake

Heavy withdrawals of sterling funds from London by overseas investors took place during the third quarter of this year, according to balance of payments figures published yesterday by the Treasury. The figures reveal that there was a reduction of £380m in exchange reserves in London.

This was the second consecutive quarter to show a downturn resulting in a total outflow of £647m since April.

However, Whitehall officials insist that this does not represent a policy of investment "diversification" by the oil-producing countries.

It seems more likely that the rundown in sterling funds stems from the increasing needs of the non-oil developing countries of the Commonwealth to finance *their growing* trade deficits.

They would appear to have been forced to take sterling out of London to finance these deficits.

The balance of payments figures also reveal a sharp increase in Britain's current account deficit during the third quarter, reversing the improvement of the previous three months.

In the July-September period the deficit is now estimated to have been £584m—compared with £343m in the April-June period, and £3,668m in the whole of 1974.

There was a deterioration in the visible trade account on both oil and other goods, but a rise in the surplus on invisible transactions to £388m in the third quarter, from £341m *in the second quarter.*

In addition to the higher deficit on current account, there was a net outflow of capital. The figures show that identified investment and other capital flows out of the country were £46m greater than inward movements of capital. There was, however, a large favourable balancing item amounting to £447m, resulting from errors, omissions and unidentified capital movements.

As a consequence, the amount that Britain had to draw from the official reserves to meet its balance of payments obligations was not large.

Partly offsetting the withdrawals of sterling funds from London was the high level of overseas investment in the United Kingdom private sector.

The main element in such inward investment was £340m to finance North Sea operations. There was also £75m of reinvested profits by overseas companies operating here, and continuing investment in British companies by the residents of oil-exporting countries.

By contrast British private investment abroad, at £242m, was much less than the £707m in the second quarter.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

The following are the figures for the balance of payments released yesterday by the Treasury (all figures in £m):

	1973	1974	1974 Q4	1975 Q1	Q2	Q3
			Seasonally adjusted			
Visible trade	−2295	−5234	−1427	−867	−684	−972
Invisibles	+1460	+1566	+375	+435	+341	+388
Current balance	−835	−3668	−1052	−432	−343	−584
			Not seasonally adjusted			
Current balance	−835	−3668	−902	−658	−337	−568
Capital transfers	−59	−75	−6	—	—	—
Public sector borrowing	+827	+594	+2	−7	−10	+2
Other capital	+82	+2184	+131	−150	+85	−48
Balancing item	+195	+400	−45	+528	−157	+447
Total currency flow	+210	−565	−820	−287	−419	−167
SDR allocation	—	—	—	—	—	—
To be financed	−210	−565	−82	−287	−419	−167
Financed by net official borrowing	—	+644	+644	+423	—	—
Reserve loss (+ = loss)	−210	−79	+176	−136	+419	+167

Rolls-Royce receiver to pay out 5p more

By Adrienne Gleeson

A month after shareholders in the old Rolls-Royce company were informed that the joint liquidators were unable to expect any further distribution in the short term, they have been told that another 5p payment is to be made in February.

The payment, which was announced by Mr Rupert Nicholson, the Rolls-Royce receiver, at yesterday's annual meeting, will cost £3.2m. It brings the distribution since the company went into receivership in February 1971 to 55p a share.

Partly because of the Government's refusal to nationalize that part of Short Brothers and Harland the Belfast aircraft builders, which it did not already own—the 15 per cent stake held by Rolls-Royce—progress in realizing the remaining assets of the company, was, Mr Nicholson told shareholders, proving slow.

He thought that the Government, which had banned the payment of dividends by Short Brothers and Harland because of the big loans made to the company, was hoping to pick up the outstanding stake "for a song". But he was inclined to hold on.

Negotiations for the sale of the 50 per cent stake in Bristol Aerojet which Rolls-Royce also owns had so far always broken down, even though the company was making a respectable profit. Far from wanting to buy the *Rolls-Royce stake, the United* States company which owned the rest of Bristol Aerojet had asked him to sell their shares too.

The Rolls-Royce stakes in these two companies are estimated to be worth about £700,000 in the receiver's and liquidators' joint accounts. But many people see this as a minimum.

This applies also to the company's properties, which were written down to an estimated realizable value of £500,000 last year but which would, on unofficial estimates, be worth up to 10 times as much.

Mr Nicholson told shareholders that the £3.2m provision for tax—payable on that part of the income from the proceeds of the liquidation against which its cost could not be offset—had been overstated by £1m or more.

With the remaining assets at their officially-estimated realizable value, this means that shareholders have a further distribution of something under 4p a share to look for.

However, they are not likely to get it for some time. Nearly all of the creditors' claims had been settled, or would be settled in the next month or so, Mr Nicholson said, but there were two which he thought would go to the courts.

These would be defended by the company. He made it plain that there was not likely to be another distribution until these were out of the way and the company was in a position to be wound up.

Between August 1971 and October of this year, receipts by the receiver and joint liquidators have totalled more than £260m, of which £24.8m was income. Payments have totalled £251.5m.

SC poised o levy 30pc rice rises

Peter Hill

Price increases of 30 per cent more could be implemented ıt year by the British Steel rporation. This scale of in- ase is estimated to be the nimum required to recoup reased costs of production ce the last general round of reases at the beginning of s year and to generate addi- nal revenue against the cor- ration's expected loss of 0m in the current financial ır.

Major BSC customers think it these increases may be in- duced on a selective basis d possibly in phases. How- er, it is acknowledged that y increases can be made only market conditions improve ough for customers to accept rises.

There has been no formal scussion between the corpora- n and major customers on plans, but customers firmly lieve that the BSC will take vantage of any improvement demand to lift prices pro- essively by around 30 per nt.

Recently the BSC has applied flexible pricing policy with me success in a bid to stimu- e demand and to keep plant nning at higher levels in the ce of the most serious steel ump since the 1930s. The odd ccesses have made the cor- ration *respond quickly by de-* easing the rebates it had been fering earlier this year on rtain coil products and by troducing selective increases some flat products.

Further selective price in- eases of around 5 to 6 per nt are under consideration, it with market trends as they e further increases will have wait.

However, the BSC is not alone the entire steel industry will ok for substantial price in- eases as soon as the market n bear them.

lcan ingots go ıp by 6pc

Alcan (UK) announced yes- rday that it was increasing e price of its primary alu- inium ingot to £420 a tonne— rise of just over 6 per cent. n addition, extrusion ingot remiums will go up by £16 a nne.

The rise in primary metal rice is the fourth since March st year, when Alcan set a new vel of £316.50, and it means at Alcan's price has risen in at time by just under 33 per ent.

Alcan, which normally sets he prices trend in the United ingdom, said the latest in- rease was caused by con- inuing cost pressures, aggra- ated by the fall in sterling.

Petrol monopoly inquiry terms this week

By Roger Vielvoye

Copies of the terms of reference under which the Monopolies Commission will investigate the retail petrol market will be sent to the leading oil companies for comment later this week.

A three-pronged approach to the problems of selling petrol *is suggested by the Office of* Fair Trading, which is likely to make the official reference to the Commission within the next two months.

Pressure for a reference has been growing since the oil companies applied for increases in petrol prices in the middle of a price-cutting war on the filling station forecourts.

While the price war has focused public attention on the petrol market, it has been the growing numbers of filling stations owned and operated by the oil companies that persuaded the Office of Fair Trading to make the reference.

At the time of the last Monopolies Commission investigation into the petrol market, the oil companies owned and operated only a handful of stations. It is estimated that over 3,000 retail outlets now fall into this category.

According to oil industry sources, the major selling groups—*Shell, Esso and BP*—have not increased the number of company operated sites because of the concern shown by the Office of Fair Trading. But other site owners have taken over the day-to-day operation of outlets as their tenants have gone out of busi*ness during the depression in* the market.

Retailers are also complaining that although the big companies have discontinued discounts to their dealers and tenants, they are still supplying their own outlets with cut-price petrol and derv.

FNFC changes banking status

First National Finance Cor*poration has obtained the* permission of the Department of Trade to change its banking status. It is giving up its recognition as a bank under Section 127 of the Companies Act in favour of recognition under Section 123.

Section 127 status, which can only be given by the Bank of England, is regarded as acknowledgement of high standing in the banking world. A Section 123 certificate gives exemption from various provisions of the Moneylenders Acts of 1900 and 1927.

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Slater loan stock purchase

By Margaret Walters

Slater, Walker Securities is *proposing* to purchase at par the outstanding £3.45m of its 9½ per cent unsecured loan stock 1991/96, thereby removing the most onerous of the borrowing restrictions on the group.

Mr Christopher Sporborg, one of the two directors from Hambros Bank who were appointed to Slater, Walker's board on the resignation of Mr Jim Slater nearly two months ago, said last night that there was no question of the group being in breach of its borrowing limits.

The limits imposed by this particular loan stock restricts borrowings to two times share capital and reserves. The other outstanding loan stocks have a restriction of three times.

Slater, Walker is nearing its calendar year-end and it current borrowings are about £100m.

Although the review, undertaken jointly by the accountants Peat Marwick Mitchell and Price Waterhouse is well advanced it is not yet complete.

Until it is, there is bound to be speculation that the £80m book value attributed to the *group's property portfolio may* have to be written down.

Two names tipped for top posts in state shipbuilding

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Two key men who will *run* the new nationalized British Shipbuilders organization are expected to be named by the Government within the next few days.

Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, *at present Controller of the* Navy, is strongly tipped for the post of chairman. Mr Graham Day, brought in to revamp Cammell Laird nearly five years ago after its rescue by the Government, is understood to be favoured for the chief executive's chair.

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of *state for Industry, is expected* to name the occupants of these two posts, possibly with other members of the organizing committee for the new state undertaking, in advance of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill beginning its committee stage on Thursday.

The Bill was given a second reading last week and the Government had a majority of five for its policy of going ahead with the nationalization plans.

Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin and Mr Day would be welcomed by the shipbuilding industry.

Iraq takes over final 22pc of Western oil stake

By Our Energy Correspondent

Iraq yesterday nationalized the 22.8 per cent share in the Basrah Petroleum Co held by British Petroleum, Shell and the French company CFP.

The announcement, made by President Ahmed Hassan al Bakr over Baghdad radio and television, caught the oil companies by surprise. There had been no warning of the intended takeover and so far no official notification.

Nationalization makes Iraq the second Arab oil producer in the Gulf this month to take complete control of its oil industry.

After months of negotiation *Kuwait bought the remaining* 40 per cent oil company stake in the Kuwait Oil Co (KOC) at the beginning of the month, and Saudi Arabia is thought to be in the final stages of acquiring 100 per cent control of the Arabian American Oil Co (Aramco).

Basrah Petroleum produces about a million barrels of oil a day, which is exported through an expanded terminal at Khar al Amaya in the Gulf. The companies and the government have plans to increase production to 1.6 million barrels a day.

WHOLESALE PRICES

The following are the indices (1970 = 100) of wholesale prices of manufactured goods and of basic materials and fuel purchased by manufacturing industry released by the Department of Industry yesterday. The figures are not seasonally adjusted, exclude purchase tax, but include revenue duties.

		Output prices (home sales)	Prices of materials and fuel
1973	Q1	119.1	126.0
	Q2	120.1	133.3
	Q3	124.2	150.9
	Q4	129.1	167.8
1974	Q1	138.2	212.5
	Q2	148.9	213.7
	Q3	156.1	212.9
	Q4	164.9	222.1
1975	Q1	176.0	220.9
	Q2	186.3	225.6
	Q3	193.4	239.3
1974			
November		164.8	223.3
December		167.6	222.5
1975			
January		173.0	222.1
February		175.9	218.8
March		179.2	221.9
April		182.5	222.9
May		187.3	226.2
June		189.0	227.7
July		191.7	233.2
August		193.5	241.4
September		194.9	243.2
October*		197.0	251.5
November*		198.6	255.8

* Provisional

How the markets moved

The Times index 150.52 −2.25
The FT index: 360.8 −6.8

Rises

Ad Intl	6p to 110p	Hall Thermot'k	3p to 89p
Broken Hill	5p to 725p	Ingram, H.	2p to 35p
Cen & Sheer	1½p to 24½p	Sandeman, G.	3p to 43p
Cavenham	7p to 137p	Stavely Ind	3p to 122p
Cessnock	10p to 230p	Utd Dom Tst	1p to 16p
French Kier	1p to 9½p	Wharf Mill	5p to 32p
Goldberg	4p to 58p	Warrington, T.	4p to 35p

Falls

Barclays Bk	10p to 290p	Fisons	4p to 370p
Beecham Grp	5p to 335p	GEC	3p to 138p
Brit Am Tob	5p to 315p	Glaxo Hldgs	10p to 360p
Bp	13p to 560p	Plessey	5p to 70p
Courtaulds	4p to 142p	Unilever	6p to 400p
Corah N.	2p to 22p	Westbrick Pds	4p to 31p
Eng Prop	3p to 43½p		

Equities drifted lower in thin selling.

Gilt-edged securities were firm.

Sterling was 10 pts down at $2.0235. The "effective devaluation" rate was 30.1 per cent.

Gold was 50 cents down at $137.25.

SDR-$ was 1.17279 on Friday while SDR-£ was 0.578727.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1145.9 (previous 1144.5).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.67	1.61
Austria Sch	38.75	36.75
Belgium Fr	83.75	80.75
Canada $	2.09	2.04
Denmark Kr	12.70	12.30
Finland Mkk	8.05	7.80
France Fr	9.25	8.95
Germany DM	5.45	5.25
Greece Dr	79.00	75.00
Hongkong $	10.40	10.00
Italy Lr	1520.00	1465.00
Japan Yn	645.00	620.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.35
Norway Kr	11.50	11.15
Portugal Esc	75.00	65.00
S Africa Rd	1.81	1.69
Spain Pes	123.50	118.00
Sweden Kr	9.15	8.85
Switzerland Fr	5.45	5.25
US $	2.06	2.01
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.50	37.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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85 jobs go as rundown starts at Jensen

By Clifford Webb

Delays in finding a suitable buyer for Jensen Motors could force the receiver to make the 600 employees at West Bromwich redundant within the next two months. Redundancy notices have just been served on 85 workers and more will follow on a weekly basis.

A company spokesman said last night: "Mr John Griffiths, the receiver, has been forced to serve protective redundancy notices because it is taking longer than anticipated to complete negotiations for a buyer.

"However we are still confident a new owner will be found from among the number of approaches made by interested parties."

He would not reveal the identity of possible buyers but admitted that they included approaches from abroad. The receiver was appointed in September by the Bank of America, Jensen's biggest creditor.

Mr Kjell Qvale, the San Francisco businessman who owned and operated Jensen as chairman and managing director, blamed a combination of the world recession in car sales and recurring labour problems at West Bromwich.

Mr Al Goot, a former member of Mr Qvale's American staff, has remained behind to run the company for the receiver. He recently reported that orders were coming in in considerable numbers, particularly for the 2-litre GT model.

Last night a spokesman for Mr Goot said: "The order book for GTs is quite good. A lot have gone to America since the receiver arrived. In addition at least one of the big Interceptors is going to Europe each week. Production of GTs is running at about 35 a week".

He said none of Jensen's 40 British dealers and 30 overseas dealers had deserted, despite the doubts about the company's future. "You can see that with real dealer loyalty, a continuing demand for our cars and cooperation being displayed by the unions that the genuine negotiations at present under way have a good chance of success", he said.

THF chain franchise plan

Trust Houses Forte is introducing a franchise scheme for further expansion of its chain of "Little Chef" motorists' restaurants. Until now the chain, which has been built up over the past six years to number almost 200 outlets, has been exclusively operated by THF.

The group has now decided to move to a franchise operation for future growth. Invitations are being sent out to transport café owners, filling stations and other selected individuals, partnerships and organizations to discuss participation in the scheme.

Entry is based on a 12-year agreement with franchise fees based on a percentage of gross turnover. All the restaurants in the chain already have standardized menus and décor

Talks soon on ethylene plant study

By Peter Hill

Discussions start soon on the outcome of feasibility studies on construction of a large ethylene plant, costing between £150m and £200m and involving two state industries and a continental company.

Both the British Steel Corporation and the National Coal Board will be involved in the discussions with Conoco on whether to go ahead with the project as a result of the studies, which are now nearing completion.

Conoco and the NCB already have substantial interests in Britain's off-shore oil reserves, which would provide the basic feedstock for the plant, while the BSC's existing chemical operations would be considerably expanded if a decision to go ahead was taken.

The steel corporation's chemical interests, which traditionally have been based on chemicals produced as byproducts of steel making, have been a profitable facet of the state steel sector's activities and last year made nearly £10m profit.

The BSC chairman, Sir Monty Finniston, is enthusiastic about the project and has said that, assuming the project studies confirmed that the scheme was technically and economically viable, decisions should be taken by the end of this year.

However, there are unresolved problems. One of these is the possibility of the plant being financed jointly with other organizations, including Shell Chemicals, beyond those involved.

OECD gloomy about Third World outlook

Paris, Dec 8.—Management of world economic difficulties in 1975 by the international community was, on the whole, commendable, but "the prospects ahead for most developing countries are bleak", according to a report issued today by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Mr Maurice J. Williams, chairman of the development assistance committee of the OECD in his annual report, says that development programmes have not been sustained.

"For the first time in over a decade", says Mr Williams, "the import volume of non-oil developing countries has declined and they have drawn heavily on both their borrowing capacity and foreign exchange reserves."

The report says that the poorer less-developed countries with large populations, lagging agricultural sectors and weak economic administrations are in great trouble.

"Without increased concessional aid from the international community, more effective management of their economies, and development and trade policies more directly related to improved export potentials, they are not likely to make significant economic progress during the rest of the second development decade", it says.

The net flow of resources received by developing countries last year amounted to $40,800m (£20,000m), up from $35,000m in 1973 and a yearly average of $21,100m between 1970 and 1973.

Of this total DAC countries provided $27,500m, members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries $2,200m and communist countries $200m.

The report estimates last year's Eurocurrency borrowings by developing countries at $7,000m, while $1,100m was drawn from the oil facility of the International Monetary Fund.

South Korea's debts: Faced with almost $6,000m in debts, South Korea may default unless huge American financial aid is granted, a new private research study says, citing secret statistics in the United States.

"The Republic of Korea is heading for default on her debts abroad and economic chaos at home, if the current confidential estimates being circulated at the State and Treasury Departments can be believed", the report said.

The study, under challenge by South Korea and State Department experts, was published by the Washington-based Institute for International Policy, described as a lobbying group for liberal causes.

The report said a $4,000m Korean trade deficit in 1974-75 had resulted in vast government borrowing, increasing outstanding debt from $3,300m in 1973 to $5,900m in 1975.

The deficit has been caused by rising costs for imports and a declining market for exports, according to the study, written by Mr Jim Morrell, a Harvard University East Asia specialist. The alternative to a debt crisis, it said, was an austerity programme that would aggravate recession and unemployment.

AP—Dow Jones.

Burroughs launches big systems range

Computer news

New medium-scale and large computer systems are being announced today by Burroughs Machines. They comprise the B2800 (costing from £280,000 to £400,000); the B3800 (£360,000 to £590,000); and the B4800 (£500,000 to £1.8m).

Compared with the current B2700, B3700 and B4700 systems, the new computers are claimed to offer more power and better cost performance, with emphasis on multiprogramming use.

Programs written for the current models can be immediately transferred to the new machines, the company says, and a number of improved peripherals and higher-capacity storage subsystems are being introduced.

In addition to the multiprogramming power of the new systems, they are also claimed to provide "the processing power to enable users to implement extensive on-line, transaction-oriented terminal networks, integrated database management systems and decentralized data-processing networks".

Logica turnover up

A broadening of activities by Logica, the London-based systems consultancy, to include the marketing of standard software and systems products was indicated by Mr Philip Hughes, chairman, recently, in a review of the company's 1974-75 operations.

One such product will be a version of the video typing system designed by Logica for the Unilever group (The Times, October 17). Another is the "Trader" system, which handles foreign payments for banks.

In the year ending on June 30. 1075, Logica's turnover rose by 62 per cent to almost £3.4m. Pre-tax profit dropped from £325,714 to £222,181, with the lower profit margin attributed to the inflation and increased investment in international development.

One trend during the year, Mr Hughes said, was growth in the implementation of total systems (£1m revenue, including hardware shipments worth £450,000).

Larger contracts included the consortium work on both hardware and software for the European Space Agency's Meteosat programme, and software for the New Zealand Justice Department system. Each was worth more than £2m.

Logica's work during the year was fairly evenly divided betwen the client categories of central and local government; administration; banking, finance and insurance; computer and electronics companies; other private industry; and multinational agencies,

European conference

Small business computers, and telecommunications in the computer services industry, will be discussed at a European conference in London next June. This will be the first major event to be held by the recently formed European Computing Services Association.

President of the association is Dr A. M. C. Helmer of the Netherlands. Mr Peter Merrick (United Kingdom) is vice-president.

National associations in 11 countries have come together to form the organization. The Computing Services Association in Britain will organize the June conference on behalf of ECSA.

Commenting on association's formation, Dr Helmer said: "Our relationships with the European Economic Community and European governments, relating to both European and national computing policies, will be of the utmost importance, and we intend to impress upon these organizations the need for recognition and support for the computing services industry."

Kenneth Owen

Court approves Alfred Herbert takeover scheme

High Court approval was given yesterday to a scheme enabling Alfred Herbert to continue as a new company with £25m of fresh long-term capital from the Government.

Mr Justice Oliver sanctioned the scheme which, he said, had been approved by the "overwhelming majority" of ordinary shareholders.

A minority group of shareholders had urged him not to sanction the scheme. He said to them: "I am not surprised that a number of shareholders, some of them with substantial holdings, feel very aggrieved that their shares should be acquired at a knockdown price.

"But the plain fact is that this company has run into very severe financial difficulties and its future depends on government finance."

Mr Michael Wheeler, QC, who put forward the scheme on behalf of the company, said it provided for a new company, Herbert Ltd, to be formed.

Herbert, Ltd, would purchase for cash at 6p a share the whole of the ordinary share capital of Alfred Herbert. Some 19 million shares were involved for a consideration of £1.2m.

The scheme was a vital link in a wider rescue operation. It had been approved by 85 per cent of the ordinary shareholders "with some reluctance and great sadness".

Rise in savings holds credit sales at low level

Total new consumer credit extended in October was £252m, exactly the same as in September, according to figures released yesterday by the Department of Industry.

The figures confirm the stagnation of hire-purchase business at present and are further evidence of the high level of personal savings.

There have been rumours in recent weeks of a relaxation of hire-purchase controls before Christmas, although most observers have been expecting an announcement with the Budget next year.

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry.

		Sales by volume 1971 = 100	New credit extended £m
1972		105.8	2.497
1973		110.7	2.871
1974		109.9	2.517
1973	Q1	111.8	761
	Q2	108.3	681
	Q3	110.6	717
	Q4	112.0	712
1974	Q1	109.8	576
	Q2	107.3	614
	Q3	111.0	648
	Q4	111.6	679
1975	Q1	111.5	723
	Q2	108.7	756
	Q3	105.3	733
1974			
November		112.8	224
December		110.8	224
1975			
January		113.0	246
February		112.3	243
March		109.4	234
April		120.2	271
May		102.5	247
June		104.5	259
July		104.7	246
August		104.9	235
September		106.0	252
October		105.3	252

£50m needed for energy research next year

Department of Energy spending on research and development is likely to rise from £20m in 1974-75 to about £35m in 1975-76, according to estimates* published today. The £35m estimate is at January 1975 prices.

This spending will continue to be overshadowed by that of the nationalized industries and the Atomic Energy Authority, which together wil lamount to about £150m in 1975-76

* Department of Energy Report on research and development, 1974-75. Published by HMSO, 60p.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Buffer stock schemes and realistic pricing

From Mr R. Laishley..

Sir, Mr C. L. Gilbert (December 2) questions the advisability of the copper producers' attempts to bypass the LME. Although some 90 per cent of copper is traded directly between producer and consumer Mr Gilbert argues that any residual commodity market will become more unstable. If this is the case, it is still an improvement to have only 10 per cent of the market susceptible to wide price fluctuations. But with current LME prices of copper fluctuating by as much as 100 per cent of the average price over the past two years it is difficult to see what greater damage a more volatile market can do.

For all its faults the case of tin offers a realistic pointer to what is possible. With this metal the London market operates within the context of a system of floor and ceiling prices. The result is that since the beginning of 1974 tin prices (cash metal) have ranged by 50 per cent of the base price, while for copper (cash wire bars) the equivalent figure is 175 per cent. Like tin, copper urgently requires a buffer stock scheme, as Mr Gilbert points out. Unlike tin it should comprise payments by both consumers and producers as a matter of course. Tin has shown the inadequacy of a buffer stock scheme in which only the producers bear the financial burden. In this context the integrated programme advocated through Unctad offers the most comprehensive scheme for regularizing the equalizing world trade in copper between producers and consumers.

Equally, buffer stock schemes will not work unless there are realistic pricing agreements between producers and consumers. While the LME will continue to have a role, it should not be allowed to determine the price of a trade to which it is largely extraneous.

Yours faithfully,
ROY LAISHLEY,
World Development Movement,
Bedford Chambers,
Covent Garden,
London, WC2E 8HA.

Naive and dangerous view

From Mr G. T. Hollins

Sir, Mr Dennis's apologia for economists (December 4) offers us once again the dangerously naive view that failure to control the money supply is the cause of inflation.

Naive, because it ignores the political cost of restricting the money supply with its consequent increase in unemployment and bankruptcy of industry. Dangerous, because it blinds us to the root cause of the trouble, which is a moral failure, namely the use of the strike weapon in demanding high wages. This is the root cause of inflation because it removes from the market mechanism of supply and demand the negative feedback which is essential to its long term stability.

Trade cycles and other short term fluctuations arising from time-lags in the economy can be regulated to some extent by monetary and fiscal measures, but long term trends will always be determined by market values, and extended interference with the market mechanism amounts to an attempt to cheat the community.

Inflation will remain endemic in the country, and in the world at large, until the people recognise that in modern industrial conditions there is no moral justification for a strike, that to strike is to defraud the rest of the community. It is for the government to modulate the excesses of capitalism.

Economists must take some blame for not driving this message home, but the major responsibility lies with those middle class politicians who make it their life work to encourage greed and anarchy in the less educated members of the community. The attempt to fix one's own wages is anarchy, and no anarchist was ever a happy man.

Yours faithfully,
G. T. HOLLINS,
7 Russell Court,
Beach Station Road,
Felixstowe,
Suffolk.

The greatest creative opportunity

From Dudley Mason

Sir, In the current argument on the question of our borrowing money from overseas, it is worth while to recall the wise words of Abraham Lincoln, who said: "The privilege of creating and issuing money is not only the supreme prerogative of governments, but it is the governments greatest creative opportunity. The financing of all government enterprises, maintenance of stable government and ordered progress, and the conduct of the Treasury will become matters of practical administration.

"Money will come to be the master and become the servant of humanity. Democracy will rise superior to the money power."

Need we say more!

Yours faithfully,
DUDLEY G. MASON,
2 Southwood Close,
Walkford,
Christchurch,
Dorset BH23 5RW.
December 2.

Post Office courtesy and efficiency

From C. T. H. Harrison

Sir, As many letters in your correspondence columns are in the nature of complaints against the Post Office, I feel that the following incident cannot go unrecorded.

At 10 o'clock this morning the Post Office rang me up to inform me that they had a letter with my name on it but completely wrongly addressed. They had taken the liberty of opening it and informed me of the contents. By 11.30 it had been re-sealed and sent to me in the second delivery. The Post Office said "it was a pleasure"!

How is that for courtesy and efficiency?

Yours faithfully,
C. T. H. HARRISON
23 York Road,
Beverley,
Yorks.
December 2.

Shopping bag surprise

From Emma Shackle

Sir, This morning I did my family shopping in a well-known chain store that prides itself on its service to its customers.

Since there were no boxes available in which to remove my shopping I was obliged to ask for four brown carrier bags.

Imagine my surprise when I was asked to pay 12p for these bags with the alternative of refusing my custom. This, I was told, is company policy.

Yours faithfully,
EMMA SHACKLE,
19 Durham Road,
London N2 9DP.
December 4.

Picketing a dirty weapon

From Mr B. G. Wallis

Sir, So the National Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Workers jumps on the extra £6 a week bandwaggon and drags its members into a strike which threatens an industry already crippled by foreign competition with further massive close-downs and redundancies. In pursuance of its pay policy, it will use every sanction, including picketing, to interrupt supplies and enforce the withdrawal of labour.

Picketing is a dirty weapon. At best it connotes intimidation. Its employment denies the individual freedom of choice. Its very mention makes workers especially women, stay at home rather than run the gauntlet at work.

I am appalled at the completely cynical attitude of the NUHKW ruling body. Can there be so little consideration for the best interests of the members at this time of crisis for the industry? Can there be so little regard for the true feelings of those thousands of members whose very jobs must now be at risk?

It seems the NUHKW has not the courage to test its case by popular appeal. Now that organised picketing has been introduced, the true feelings of its members will never be known. Any figures produced will be suspect, and will only reflect the views of the industry's militant minority.

Yours sincerely,
B. G. WALLIS,
13 Meadowcourt Road,
Oadby,
Leicester.

Overseas production interests

From Mr R. N. Cohen

Sir, Mr Jack Jones, in a s last week, complained British companies who overseas production inte suggesting that this took ness away from British men.

We believe he ma correct if he is referri management that has lost in British workmen becau strikes and union pressur ever higher wages (eve £6 per week maximum in in wages is about double agreed by German worke

However, we would poi that the major portio United Kingdom firms p ing overseas are doin because it became obviou World War Two that th sumer nations—such as tralia. South Africa. Indi so on would manuf themselves many of the that had previously shipped from the I Kingdom. By producing articles in those countrie United Kingdom has still able to earn overseas and to bring home eno dividends.

This company has a n resolving at a meeting just after the war, to the that it would have to overseas factories in the mentioned above, and ha ceeded in retaining much that it would otherwise lost.

United Kingdom exp can now thrive mainly b viding more and more so cated products; by being efficient in other lines- as motor cars wherea present the production pe is often far below that of seas competitors. We, ours welcome paying high wag efficient workpeople; w fortunate in that we employ many such men.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT N. COHEN,
A. Cohen and Company,
8 Waterloo Place,
St James's,
London SW1Y 4AH.
December 1.

Cumbersome machinery of cash transfers

From Mrs D. M. Betts

Sir, The Director of Saving his letter (December assures us that the encashm of National Savings securi and withdrawals from Natio Savings Bank accounts can paid direct to the hold account with National Giro. far, so good. What the Direc does not explain is that if, a National Savings Ba depositor, I wish to trans withdrawal monies to someo else's National Giro account, cannot be done except throu the cumbersome machinery a crossed warrant (as chequ are called by the Departme of Savings) which is sent the depositor which, in tur he sends to the National Gi Centre.

Why, will the Direct explain, is it any more diffic to transfer money direct to third party's account th one's own. Presumab transfers are notified in bu and one would have thoug that issuing a crossed warra was a more expensive meth of administration quite ap from considering t depositor's convenience.

Yours faithfully,
DOROTHY M. BETTS,
18 Endsleigh Gardens,
Ilford,
Essex, IG1 3EH.
December 6.

THE TIMES

The Times Awards for the best advertisement of a company's results to appear in 1975

The Times is pleased to announce that the follow ing members of the business community have kindl agreed to act as judges of the entries for The Time Awards:

Chairman:

Lord Shawcross, Chairman of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers

Members:

Anthony Bamford, Cazenove and Company
Anthony Everett, Binder Hamlyn Singleton Fabian
Edgar Palamountain, The M & G Group
Hugh Stephenson, The Times Business News
Jacqueline Thwaites, Inchbald School of Design

Conditions of Entry

All entries are free but must have appeared in th pages of The Times Business News during 1975.

The following are the categories in which th awards will be made:

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   (a) Colour or Black and White. Half page o larger, or equivalent.
   (b) Colour or Black and White. Less than hal page or equivalent.
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   Colour or Black and White (All sizes).

Entries will be accepted up to December 31, 197 and should take the form of art pulls mounted on boar with a clear indication of the category in which the are to be judged, six unmounted art pulls should als be provided for the use of the judges. They should b sent to:

Advertisement and Marketing Director
The Times Awards
New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road
London WC1X 8EZ

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CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

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Firms who wish to be considered for invitation to tender should apply not later than 19th December 1975 to the Department of the Environment, Room [illegible], 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB giving details of their experience and of any current contracts they may hold.

TRANSFER BOOKS

RANSOMES SIMS & JEFFERIES, Limited

Notice is hereby given that the TRANSFER REGISTER for the DEBENTURE STOCK will be CLOSED from the 15th December to the 29th December 1975, both dates inclusive, for the preparation of interest warrants.

By Order of the Board,
C. P. BOOTH,
Secretary.

Nacton Works,
Ipswich.

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No. 004025 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of ON-THE-SPOT INSURANCE & MORTGAGE BROKERS Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 4th day of December, 1975 presented to the said Court by Federation Mutual Insurance Limited of 29 Linkfield Lane, Redhill, Surrey. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 12th day of January, 1976, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

P. R. KIMBER, 5 Temple Gardens, Middle Temple Lane, London, E.C.4, Solicitor for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 9th day of January, 1976.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CHHIS FOREIGN FOODS (WHOLESALERS) Limited. Nature of Business, Foreign Food Wholesalers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd November 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 23rd December 1975, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP at 2.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of GOLD LINE COACHES Limited. Nature of Business Operator of coaches.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th October 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 23rd December 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of KRISHNA PROPERTIES Limited. Nature of Business Property Investment.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 27th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 23rd December, 1975, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP at 11 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

High Court No. 1547 of 1975. In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948 and S. A. J. LIGHT ENGINEERING COMPANY Limited By Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division, Companies Court, dated 28th July, 1975, Mr. Peter Adcroft, Chartered Accountant, of 25, King Street, Blackpool, has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above named, together with a Committee of Inspection.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1975.

P. ADCROFT.
Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 003881 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of NEWMAN APPOINTMENTS Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 24th day of November 1975 presented to the said Court by Foote, Cone & Belding Limited whose registered office is at 82, Baker Street, London, W1M 2AE, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 12th day of January 1976, and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his Counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

LINKLATERS & PAINES, Barrington House, 59-67, Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7JA Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE. Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 9th January, 1976.

A. LE COQ Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given, in pursuance of sections 290 and 341 (1)(b) of The Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at [illegible] 1st Floor, Leith House, 47 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7ET, on Tuesday, the [illegible] day of January 1976, at 11 o'clock [illegible] for the purpose of having an account laid before the members, showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator, and also of determining by Extraordinary Resolution the manner in which the books, accounts and documents of the Company and of the Liquidator shall be disposed of.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member.

G. R. S. ELCOMBE, F.C.A Liquidator

3rd December, 1975. [illegible] Leith House, 47 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7ET.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of [illegible] UPHOLSTERY Limited. Nature of Business: Upholsterers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd November, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS [illegible] December 1975, at Room [illegible], [illegible] House, [illegible] London WC1V 6NP.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at [illegible] o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of [illegible] Limited. [illegible]

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE on [illegible]

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 23rd December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at [illegible]

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at [illegible] o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of [illegible] COMPANY Limited. Nature of Business, Management Consultants.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 27th October 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 23rd December 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at [illegible] o'clock.

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LEGAL NOTICES

In the Estate of DR SAMUEL BARTLETT deceased. Pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925.

All persons having any claims against or an interest in the Estate of Dr Samuel Bartlett late of The Cedars, Horse Shoe Lane, Ash Vale, near Aldershot, Hants, who died on the 13th November 1975 are required to send particulars to us the undersigned Solicitors for The Royal Bank of Scotland Ltd. Dr Samuel Gregory Armson Bartlett and Dr Calum Ian Stewart Bartlett the Executors so as to reach us on or before the 13th February 1976 after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the said Estate amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard to the claims and interest of which they have had notice and will not, as respects the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 2nd day of December 1975.

TRAVERS SMITH, BRAITHWAITE & CO., 6, Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DA. Solicitors for the Executors.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity—THE HOSPITAL OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND OF SAINT ANNE IN OKEHAM, Oakham, Leicestershire. Scheme amending governing instrument, empowering the Trustee to provide further almshouses, establishing an extraordinary repair fund and empowering the Trustees to charge maintenance contributions. Ref. 218831 'S-L4.

The Charity Commissioners for England and Wales propose to make an Order ESTABLISHING a SCHEME for this and other purposes. Any objection to the proposed Scheme or suggestions for modifying it should be sent in writing within one month from the date of this notice to the Secretary, Charity Commission, Graeme House, Derby Square, Liverpool L2 7SB, quoting the reference above.

Copies of the proposed Scheme will be supplied on written request to the Charity Commissioners (quoting the reference above) and may also be seen at their office or at the following address:—20 High Street West, Uppingham, Rutland, Leicestershire.

Dated the 2nd day of December 1975.

BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, 1963

I, GLYN EDWARD PALMER of Hill House, Kings Square Avenue, Charles Street, Bristol BS2 8HF duly authorised in that behalf by Ladbroke South West, Limited, trading as Ladbrokes the Bookmakers, hereby give notice that on the 5th day of December 1975 I made application to the Betting Licensing Committee for the Petty Sessional Division of Frome in the County of Somerset for the grant of a BETTING OFFICE LICENCE in respect of premises situate at [illegible] Market Place, Frome.

Any person who desires to object to the grant of the said licence should send to the Clerk to the Betting Licensing Committee, The Court House, [illegible] Road, Frome not later than the 13th day of December 1975 two copies of a brief statement in writing of the ground of his objection.

Dated this 5th day of December 1975.

G. E. PALMER.

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G. E. PALMER.

PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

The Church Commissioners have PREPARED a DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME which includes provision for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of the church of S. Mark Woodhill, in the diocese of St. Albans. A copy of the draft scheme may be obtained from the Commissioners or may be inspected at the parish boards of the Churches of S. Mary, North Mimms; S. Andrew, Little Berkhamsted; S. Mary, Essendon; S. Mark, Woodhill; and S. Mary, Ponsbourne. Any representations should be sent in writing to the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, SW1P 3JZ to reach them not later than 12 January, 1976.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

FNFC faces up to realities

can surprise nobody that st National Finance Corpora- n should feel that the bene- s of Section 127 status should ve fallen well short of the t necessary to sustain it. The efits are mainly intangible. lusion among a relatively ect group of banks is, of rse, important for a growing titution anxious to earn the ognition of the Bank of Eng- d—and hence, hopefully, to se funds more cheaply in the market.

But in FNFC's case there has en no question of raising nds in the market anyway. eanwhile, 127 status has re- ired it to maintain the 12½ r cent reserve asset ratio and pay *Special Deposits* to the nk of England. The purpose the reserve asset require- ent is to ensure that an appro- iate measure of liquidity is intained, but in FNFC's pre- circumstances this, too, is aterial and likely to con- for as far ahead as see.

FNFC has been earning a rn on its Special Deposits uivalent to Treasury bill rate, d its reserve assets cannot ve been earning much more. is is several points below the te it is having to pay the ifeboat committee" on the 50m of support funds, so ese resources, totalling some 56m, have been steady loss- akers.

By obtaining approval to evert to Section 123 status, NFC can halt this drain and se the proceeds to reduce its 441m of borrowings and other abilities. And all it is really iving up is a standing in the anking world which the market ad taken away from it months go.

Mr Francis Sandilands: putting his committee's ideas on inflation accounting into practice will pose a considerable burden problem for the Inland Revenue.

Ashbourne

Topview's return

Topview's purchase of 52,000 shares in Ashbourne Investments which was disclosed yesterday, suggests that this wretched affair, which has so befuddled the Takeover Panel may take a few more bizarre twists and turns before it is finally brought to a conclusion. Central & Sherwood has announced a 20p a share offer in cash for non-consortium shareholders in Ashbourne, and an 18p nominal loan stock alternative for the rest.

Mr Bernard Glazer, part of the original consortium is the unhappy holder of 23 per cent of Ashbourne, and Topview, which will likewise not be able to avail itself of the 20p cash offer, now holds nearly 23 per cent as well. *A condition of* Central & Sherwood's offer, which was regarded as manna from heaven by all concerned, is that it succeeds in obtaining over 50 per cent of Ashbourne's issued share capital.

The Glazer interests and Topview (which bought most of its holding from the consortium) are not apparently considered by the Takeover Panel to be acting in concert. So, Topview can buy up to the 29.9 per cent limit before triggering a mandatory offer under the Code in which case Central & Sherwood could not obtain its 50 per cent minimum. On yesterday's evidence it seems that Topview might well be a serious buyer.

Inflation accounting

Taxation worries

The major task of the steering group being set up to continue the work of the Sandilands Committee is, of course, to work out how Sandilands (plus any amendments) can be put into practice. But the problems of putting it into practice are not only going to be confined to companies, their accountants and auditors. For, leaving aside the implications that inflation accounting may have for the rate at which companies should be taxed, it is all too clear that the mere transformation to inflation-adjusted accounts is going to pose a very considerable administrative burden on the Inland Revenue.

Given that the Revenue is already fully stretched, and having to absorb and cope with *a battery of new taxes too, it is* hardly surprising that it views the approach of inflation accounting with some degree of trepidation.

Speaking in a personal capacity at yesterday's Oxford Centre for Management Studies' symposium on inflation accounting, Sir Norman Price, chair*man of the board of the Inland* Revenue, confirmed that the problems involved were indeed considerable.

His first cause of concern was both a conceptual and a practical one. He seriously doubted whether it was right to treat ICI and the corner grocery shop on a different basis: which firm would be giving a true and fair view of its position? But if one admitted that all should be treated similarly, then it was as well to remember that the Inland Revenue dealt with no less than two million business assessments annually.

But that, he suggested, was only the start of the problem. His second main worry was that CC accounting, by increasing the variables in accounting, would open the door to raids on the Exchequer that would make other forms of malpractice look very insignificant indeed. The conventional answer here is always that those who wish to cook their stock position *will* do it under any system of accounting. But even if that is right, what does seem to hold good is that the Revenue is likely to have infinitely less time to check out its suspicions.

Staveley

Making progress

Considering how lean a time machine tools and building materials have had over the past year, Staveley is being refreshingly candid when it refuses to be carried away by its 25 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £3.63m. For even though profitability has been transformed since new management was brought in five years ago, there is stil a long way to go before the company *is* earning a decent return on assets.

This applies particularly to the machine too side where more than trebled profits at £428000 still leaves a low return on capital employed. Much of the latest improvement stems from internal streamlining but the order books have remained full and volume was well ahead of last year *with most of the* benefits from the contracts with Russia still to come.

The 30 per cent increase in profits from the electricals division was also surprisingly good. And with the foundries and abrasives group sharply higher as well, the only divisio not to pullits weight was chemicals, where poor demand for lime did *the most damage.*

Earnings continue to benefit from a low ta xcharge (41 per cent last year) coming from accumulated losses and these should be sufficient to depress the charge for another two to three years.

Order books for machine tools remain strong even though Staveley is at the more vulnerable heavy end. Even so, the real ipetus to profits will not come until demand for construction materials *picks up.* With government spending likely to step at a low level, that *is* unlikely to *materialize* in the coming year.

Meanwhile, the good management record is still commanding a premum for Staveley over the rest of the engineering sector. But despite a yield of 8.8 per cent more than twice at 122p, institutions' appetite for second-line engineers such as Staveley was probably sated by last May's £2.9m placing.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £15m
Sales £80.7m (£57.4m)
Pre-tax profits £3.63m (£2.9m)
Earnings per share 17.7p (16.6p)
Dividend gross 10.77p (8.955p)

AEG-Telefunken

Sick man in electricals

AEG-Telefunken continues to be the sick man of the European electrical industry. True, most of the electrical groups have been hurt by the recession but whereas the general *trend is one of declining profits* AEG-Telefunken is forecasting substantial losses again for this year.

At the post-tax level these will be at least DM100m and at the operating level they may be three or four times that. This points to a serious underlying deterioration over last *year when the DM664m net loss* was struck after extraordinary losses of DM2,273m relating mainly to nuclear power provisions.

This year the main problems are obviously in the consumer products and technical mass product areas, such as electronic components. Capacity *utilization as low as 60 per cent* in these areas, against a breakeven capacity of around 80 per cent, points to why the operating result will be so bad. Electronic components sales are down by between 20 and 30 per cent over last year and price competition is strong.

Almost certainly there will be further provisions against losses in the nuclear venture Kraftwerk Union too this time and the factor which seems to have produced some mild recovery in the AEG-Telefunken share price recently is the hope of an American or middle-eastern purchase either of part of this stake or of part of the entire group. The fact that in another disposal of interests, Siemens is likely to take over AEG-Telefunken's near 36 per cent stake in Osram highlights the latter's liquidity problems, which are expected to lead to passed dividends again this year. At DM89 the shares are leaning upon speculation.

Christopher Wilkins analyses the attempts by the banks to change their middle class image

Banks face 10-year fight to mop up market

Provided the Government's legislative programme runs to target, the revamped Trustee Savings Banks will begin offering loan and overdraft facilities to their customers some time next year. Once that happens the competition for the small account, already fierce, will become keener than ever. The *question for the TSBs is* whether their new found banking freedom will be coming too late.

At present around 50 per cent of the adult population has a bank account of some sort with a clearing bank. Excluding building society accounts, perhaps a further 10 per cent banks with such institutions as the TSBs and National Giro.

Bankers reckon that the saturation point will have been reached when the market is 80 per cent banked. Beyond that new accounts are likely to be both expensive to attract and unprofitable to keep.

Some 20 per cent of the adult population thus remains as the target for bank marketing efforts, and if the present rate of growth in clearing banks' accounts of 4 or 5 per cent a year is sustained, the next eight or 10 years will see the market fully saturated.

So time is short, and the clearing banks feel that unless the TSBs move quickly to take advantage of their traditional strengths among the C1 and C2 socio-economic groups, they will find the chance has gone for ever. To judge by the volume of TSB advertising recently, the TSBs are well aware of the problem, but they have much yet to do.

Getting permission to lend money is only the first step. They then face the formidable *problem of teaching the* managers of 1,560 branches all over the country the lending skills which are second nature to the clearing banks. And while the TSBs are already operating a range of ancillary financial services, they generally lack the sophistication and breadth of the clearers.

The TSBs can point out that even without lending facilities their deposits are growing steadily. Historically, their inability to make loans has meant that there has been a perpetual drain of customers out of the TSBs when the young account holder has married, bought a car and a house, and has needed finance to pay for the more *expensive consumer goods.*

But once they can meet this need, the TSBs argue, they will be able to halt the drain. Being much less enshrouded in middle class imagery than the clearers, they believe they will be able to appeal to that segment of the unbanked population which is overawed or discouraged at the prospect of walking into a *clearing bank branch.*

Speed of TSBs' reaction

Much depends upon how quickly the TSBs can react, however, for during the past two or three years the clearing banks have become noticeably more concerned to make inroads into the C1 and C2 market.

Partly their interest has been aroused by the growing relative wealth of this market, and partly by the growing realization that C1 and C2 accountholders are much more worthwhile having than was earlier thought. The notion that manual workers who were paid by cheque would tend to withdraw all their wages the next day and would borrow irresponsibly has turned out to be wide of the mark.

Mining communities, for example, have proved themselves to be highly attractive to the banks. Not only do miners tend to leave useful balances on deposit. They are also now regarded as very high quality borrowers. During the 1974 strike, withholding of payments on personal loans was common, but once the dispute ended the back-payments were generally made up very quickly.

The desirability of increasing working class accounts has had a profound impact on the marketing style of the banks, as some recent advertising clearly reflects.

Barclays and Lloyds, in particular, have broken decisively with their earlier styles of advertising, where the emphasis was on promoting the range of services and projecting an avuncular image on behalf of local managers.

Some bank marketing men believe such an approach to be wholly unsuited to the working class market which they now want to capture. They argue it is pitched at too sophisticaed a level, that it concentrates too much on poaching customers away from other banks and too little on breaking into the unbanked market—indeed, that it serves only to perpetuate the kind of cosy image of banks which is calculated to frighten off potential customers.

Barclays answer has been to inject a dose of brutal realism *into its advertising in an effort* to speak more plainly to plain people. Its underlying theme *is that times are tough, but that* the bank can help to make life easier. Its television advertising has aroused much criticism, but its impact is undeniably more immediate than anything it has done before.

Lloyds takes its thinking a stage farther. Its view seems to be that, since one bank's services are broadly the same as another's, any attempt to promote services is as likely to promote the interests of all *banks as of the one doing the* advertising.

An intrinsic part of its advertising effort, therefore, is the promotion of its own brand image. It feels, in any case, that brand projection is a more effective way of reaching the target market than attempting to explain what services it can offer and run the risk of going over that market's head. Hence the programme to identify the bank's name with the horse image.

Most banks are devoting much more attention to the student market as well, offering a variety of concessions on the view that the average *student, although* not particularly profitable in his student days, is likely to justify the banks' marketing efforts handsomely in later life.

Advertising is only one part of the total marketing effort, however. The particular target for all banks is the payroll service, since once a company decides to pay its workforce by *cheque instead of in cash,* there is a compulsion upon the workers to open new accounts.

Scope for wages by cheque

At present as few as 20 per cent of companies pay their workers by cheque, but the number is growing fast. The companies rarely need much persuading. There are obvious security advantages and savings in time and effort to be had.

The *resistance* tends to lie with workforces, so the banks are devoting some efforts to making presentations at factories in an attempt to overcome what they see as irrational prejudices in favour of cash.

Obviously when a company switches to cheque payment its own bank has a head start in recruiting new accounts among the workers. But in practice other banks are usually given the opportunity to set out their own wares, so much depends on the effectiveness of individual promotions.

More subtly, the shift of marketing emphasis within banks is reinforcing the arguments of those who would like to see a reduction in the formality attached to many of the simple banking functions.

Every bank has its fair share of commitments to unprepossessing marbled halls which often forfeit in marketing merit what they may claim by way of historic or architectural worth. Over the past 15 years the banks have also sunk considerable sums into new and more secure systems for protecting cashiers behind counters. Such investments are not lightly done away with.

As long as cash plays such a crucial role in the banking system it is hard to see any sustained attack upon the con*cept of the counter,* complete with its acres of glass screen, achieving much success. But the marketing men are pressing hard to breach the barrier between customer and banker.

They are urging a more informal style, hinging upon the removal of the counter as the centre of most transactions. Some such branches are already in being. Typically, they might have a receptionist to greet customers and guide them to the appropriate desk in an open plan office. Somebody interested in borrowing money, for example, will be directed to a loan officer. Other bank officials might be given responsibility for handling students' accounts.

The progressive introduction of electronic machinery capable of several functions—taking in deposits and producing outstanding balances, for instance, as well as dispensing cash—provide yet a further marketing arm, since they open the way to 24-hour banking.

Once such machines are widely in use, a further blow will have been dealt at the old concept that the banks exist purely for the benefit of the middle classes. For the moment, this concept is an important obstacle to the banks' efforts to spread their message to the great unbanked.

Two decades of wasted time and energy

Ministers of Power of both political parties have been responsible for what amounts to *a multi-million pound scandal* which has directly contributed to our present disastrous economic plight.

Once upon a time a *Report of the Committee on National Policy for the use of Fuel and Power Resources* was published. The committee under the chair*manship of Viscount Ridley,* met in July 1951, and reported to the Minister of Fuel and Power in July 1952.

The primary aim of the committee was: "To meet in full the demands of the community for the different fuel and power services, when those services are sold at prices which closely correspond to the relevant costs of production and distribution".

Its main recommendation was that the minister should establish a joint fuel and power planning board under an independent chairman. The board would have the authority to ask the minister to intervene to secure maximum cooperation from the nationalized industries. The recommendation was rejected by successive ministers.

Other recommendations affecting the electricity industry were:

(i) That early consideration should be given by an impartial tariffs advisory committee to charge the larger consumers a price closely corresponding to the cost of supply.

(ii) Electricity tariffs should discriminate in charges between peak and off-peak use.

(iii) Immediate steps should be taken to control elec- tricity usage at peak hours.

The report was suppressed by the powerful lobbies of the chairmen of the nationalized fuel industries (resignations were threatened!), by the oil industry, and in industry in general, all of whom were happy with cheap primary fuel. The only voices of truth came from the coal industry and the TUC and these were ignored.

This suppression led to three catastrophic results:

Unfair and expensive competition

(a) The electricity and gas industries engaged in bitter, unfair and expensive publicity competition for the domestic heating market at the expense of coal, which supplied 58 per cent of this load in 1951.

(b) The electricity and gas industries sought to seek an alternative to coal as a raw material. The former turned to nuclear and oil sources and the latter to oil gasification and imported natural gas.

(c) A massive publicity campaign was launched from every interested quarter to establish that "Old King Coal" was on his deathbed.

Gas was fortunate with its North Sea discoveries, but electricity became more and more dependent upon nuclear and oil sources as a raw material. It suffered because electricity cannot be stored like gas in commercial quantities.

What is more, the *nation does* not use electricity at the same rate per hour. There are peak demand periods of an hour or so, mostly in the morning and evening. The more electricity that is sold, the higher the peaks and therefore the greater the capital expenditure required for plant to meet these peak *load demands. So the peak load* tail wagged the generating body until something had to give.

The Electricity Council fought valiantly—its forecast demands, always made six years ahead, were consistently higher than the prevailing reality by at least 10-15,000 megawatts.

In 1973, when its actual peak *demand was 42,000 megawatts,* it was forecasting a demand of 56,000 megawatts for 1979. To meet this it was demanding American nuclear plant at a cost of £5,000m when already the electricity industry had spent one third of the industrial capital invested in postwar Britain.

No wonder the chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board said: "These important matters were best left to the opinions of experts, and are not to be debated before the world until decisions are made."

Now, far from asking for increased capacity, the board is closing down power stations. If there are power cuts this winter, no doubt the CEGB will attempt to blame the Government, the trade recession and *the price of oil. But the blame* lies on its own doorstep, for closing down power stations may save the wages of workers, while the wages of interest on the capital still has to be paid.

It gained a market by selling too cheap, ignoring the Ridley report on peak load tariffs, and directly starved British industry *of capital investment. Let the* CEGB answer two questions:

Unique electricity charging

(*i*) Where else in the industrialized world can a consumer buy electricity for a 60 watt electric light and a 3 kw electric bar fire at any time of the day or night at almost the same price per unit?

(ii) In case the answer to (i) is *nowhere,* why not?

But calamity is built upon calamity. Not only were the coalmines run down, but the gas industry, which was the primary source of research on coal gasification, more or less ceased this activity in 1956, coincident with Mr Geoffrey Lloyd, the then Minister of Fuel and Power, announcing at the opening of the Calder Hall nuclear power station that we were entering "a new industrial revolution" and Sir Christopher (now *Lord) Hinton, chairman of the* CEGB, promising nuclear electricity in 1975 at 0.2p per unit!

The commercial Lurgi plants making gas from coal were shut down, with one exception. Work on the underground gasification of coal carried out by a Ministry team for six years offered gas at 1.25 per therm for electricity *generation against the* prevailing price of power station coal of 1.4p per therm and capital costs no greater than the power stations. But Hinton's fantasy was better than sordid reality.

Now cheap oil has gone forever, commercial nuclear power is as far away as it was 20 years ago—and the underground gasifiable coal rests where it was.

So Electra's palaces will fall into decay and will remain a testimony to the failure of successive fuel and power ministers to accept "the general duty of securing the effective and coordinated development" of fuel and power embodied in the very Act for which they had accepted administrative responsibility.

The minister could do no better than drag out the Ridley report from Whitehall's archives, dust it and implement its findings in full—it would need little editing even after 25 years!

W. F. Coxon

Business Diary: Hall of fame • Reverse charges

As the British aerospace industry girds its loins to do battle against nationalization, the Hambro award for the Businessman of the Year yesterday went (with rare timing) to Sir Arnold Hall, the chairman of Hawker Siddeley.

The citation, covering the whole range of Sir Arnold's public, academic and industrial career, included the judgment that he had led his company "to expand and diversify into activities which guarantee *it* a viable future, if and when its aerospace interests are taken into the public sector".

The event in aid of the Joint British Cancer Charities raised over £24,000 through its award lunch at the Savoy. The main speaker was the ubiquitous Lord Goodman, whose scathing attack on the folly of the *Government's* industrial policies in general and nationalization proposals *in* particular, went down much better than Willie Whitelaw's performance in the same spot last year.

Whitelaw managed to be the main speaker last year, without making any substantial refer*ence either to the* organizing cancer charities, or to the award winner, Francis Sandilands, chairman of the Commercial Union.

Yesterday, in a scarcely veiled reference to Lord Beswick, the chairman designate of the nationalized British Aerospace, Lord Goodman noted that it was ironic that *Sir Arnold should* be getting his award in the very year that the Government was taking part of his business away from him.

Incidentally, the Government's plan that Lord Beswick's appointment as chairman of British Aerospace should be balanced by a chief *executive* who knows something about the business is in some difficulty. At least one senior and qualified man from the private sector has already spurned the chalice.

Deflating Giro

The ingenuity of the Post Office knows no bounds.

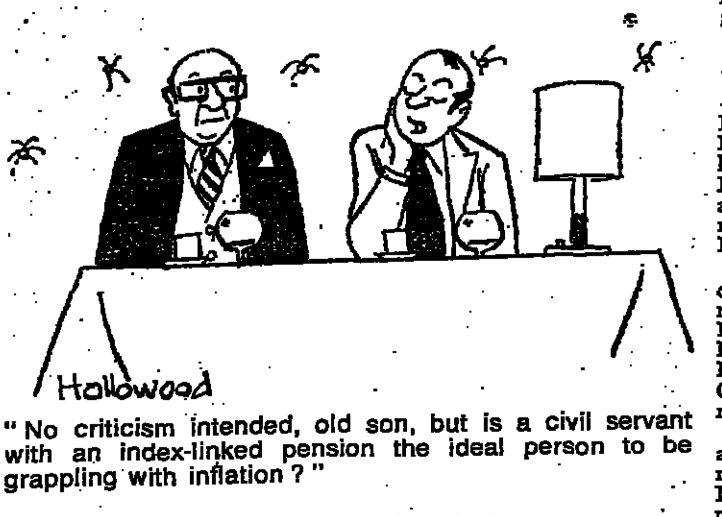
With everyone complaining about the cost of posting a letter these days some bright spark at Post Office headquarters has got in on the act.

Advertisements appearing in national newspapers today extolling the virtues of the Giro system bear the excruciatingly punning headline "We've stamped on inflation" and make great play of the fact that if you use the Giro envelope it will save you the cost of a stamp.

Could this incestuous type of advertising spread with the faults of one part of an organization being openly used as a come-on for using another *section?*

At least we've not yet arrived at the stage they have reached in France where the telephone system is so awful that the express telegram service makes a small fortune out of the fact that it has become virtually impossible to phone from Paris to the provinces at peak hours.

The lines out of Paris are so utterly clogged that Parisians who want to make urgent telephonic communication with their provincial friends and colleagues are now finding it quicker to send a telegram to the person they want to speak to asking them to phone Paris.



"No criticism intended, old son, but is a civil servant with an index-linked pension the ideal person to be grappling with inflation?"

Not to its credit

Barclaycard, who have been issuing well over 40,000 new credit cards *every month* and now have some three million holders of them in the British Isles, had a curious experience with their elaborate new computer installation at Northampton earlier this year.

When our colleague Derek Harris was being issued with his first card it came out valid *until 1999. Harris knew nothing* about it at the time, but sharp eyes at Northampton spotted it, and because they couldn't very easily ask the computer to reprogramme itself they issued a "dummy" card.

But the "dummy" ran for only six months. Because of this the computer, content presumably until 1999 came round, didn't come up with a new card. So a further card now keeps *Harris going until next May.*

"We were", Barclaycard say, "just putting in the new computer system—which everybody is full of praise for and which brings down the unit processing costs—so it could have been just one odd hiccup."

However, unless somebody can pluck up the courage to tell *the computer of its error,* Harris will—barring those sharp eyes at Northampton—receive his second computer-approved card in early 1999—valid to 2099? It had better not be on biodegradable plastic, that's all.

Inns and outs

It is all change at two of Trust Houses Forte's prized London hotels, the Grosvenor House Hotel and the Hyde Park, as a result of David de Pinna, manager of the Grosvenor House.

To fill the vacancy caused by *de Pinna's departure, THF is* moving Aldo Grosso from the Hyde Park to the Grosvenor House and shipping Willy Bauer down from the St George's Hotel in Liverpool to manage the Hyde Park.

Both hotels have considerable reputations to keep up. As manager of the Grosvenor House, Grosso will take ultimate responsibility for The Great Room, the largest banqueting room in Britain and possibly in Europe, along with the hotel's 478 bedrooms and 150 apartments.

The Hyde Park Hotel has housed such distinguished guests as Winston Churchill (he painted the famous picture of *the boat on the Serpentine from* his suite in the hotel) and Mahatma Gandhi (well remembered in the lower echelons of the hotel because of the goat moved into the kitchens to supply his request for fresh goat's milk).

At 37, Bauer would until very recently have been considered exceptionally young to *manage* a hotel such as the Hyde Park. But times are fast changing in the hotel industry.

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Profit
before taxation for the year was £1,505,341 (1974 £1,162,533) leaving a net income after taxation of £750,341 (1974 £538,533).

Dividend
recommended by the Directors was 0.72p per share (1974 0.691p per share).

Major Office Developments
completed during the year were Walsall (91,000 sq. ft.), Worcester (35,000 sq. ft.) and Wilmslow (30,000 sq. ft.). Factory and warehouse developments were Doncaster *(36,000 sq. ft.) and Gateshead (25,000 sq. ft.),* plus shop developments in Solihull and Southport. Many major lettings have been effected during the year. We also have several projects in the course of construction and Detailed Planning Consents for others.

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Stock markets

Long gilts stand out against the slide

As the days go by the prospect of "400 by Christmas" becomes ever more remote for the London stock market.

At present, the main influence is the decline on Wall Street as suggestions grow that *the United States economy may* not be recovering as quickly as expected. But the domestic front is also providing a number of imponderables which are *also keeping major investors on* the sidelines.

Decisions are expected this week on long-term public spending cuts and the fate of Chrysler *in Britain, while the possi*bility of an economic package before Christmas, and the attitude of the IMF to it, also hangs over the market.

In FT Index terms all this made for a sharp decline and by 2 pm it was down 5.5. This level was more or less held for the next two hours, but as the United States influences came in more ground was lost and the final figure of 360.8 was a drop *on the day of 6.8 points.*

Gilts performed well. Interest was concentrated at the long end, with steady *buying of the* high-coupon stocks. Gains of ½ point were common. "Mediums" were generally ½ point up.

Gripperods are still 68p, after 84p earlier this year, even though a vague approach from a big timber group came to nothing. The Slater Walker stake has not shifted and the group is forging ahead.

"Shorts", however, were rather quiet. Prices rose by 1/32 or 1/16 point at most, with *the undertone remaining firm.* The coupon rate on the "yearling" issue today is expected to be 11½ or 11¼ per cent.

The heaviest losses were recorded among the leaders where the worst were **Glaxo**, down 10p to 360p. **Unilever** 6p to 400p, **Beecham** 5p *to* 335p. **British American Tobacco** 5p to 315p and **Courtaulds** 4p to 142p. Ahead of today's annual meeting **EMI** held up well early in the day, but the shares finally *succumbed and by the end had* shed 3p to 231p.

On the electrical pitch, **Plessey** lost another 5p to 70p, still reacting to Friday's fundraising operation, while last week's star performer, **Racal** was hit by **profit-taking and** shed 6p to 209p.

The banks proved to be a friendless sector with the four clearers each losing 10p. **Barclays** *closed at 290p.* **Midland** 280p, **Lloyds** 230p and **National Westminster** also 230p.

In the latter case the warrants were also down, by 5p to 82p. Early in the session, both **Sun Life** 89p and **Royal** *296p were off by 7p. But by the* end, the latter had rallied sufficiently to be within a point of its weekend level, though the latter stayed depressed and lost 6p.

Ahead of retail index figures many of the stores made a *slow start.* Most like **UDS**, unchanged at 85p, and **House of Fraser**, down 2p to 70p, were firmer at the finish, but **Boots** were left 4p weaker at 127p and **British Home Stores** 6p down to 331p.

Weekend recommendations gave a boost to **Carron**, up 14p to 65p, **AA Asphalt**, better by 11p to 170p. **A. Goldberg**, 4p higher to 58p and **J. L. Randall**, where the rise was from 31p to 37p.

AD International, helped by the new bid by Dentsply, rose 4p to 110p (against an offer price of 116p), but **BOC International**, which has an 18 per *cent stake, were unchanged* at 57p. Here the chairman feels the new terms are much more reasonable *than those offered* last year. Fading bid hopes had **Muirhead** a penny easier at 96p.

In oils, both **BP** 560p and **Shell** 364p, had a hard time, losing 13p and 4p. **Anglo-Ecuadorian**, which has an unidentified suitor, was a penny easier at 68p, while **Siebens Oil** still suffered because of its *"dry well" report and shed* 15p to 225p. **Coalite & Chemical** which has a sizable holding shed a penny to 20½p.

Though the possibility of an extra payment for shareholders in the old company was announced, **Rolls-Royce** were one point off at 66½p *and* **Fairey** was hit by selling before going ex-rights later in the month. At the end, the shares were down 4½p to 65½p.

Among properties, the worst hit were **Land Securities**, down 5p to 156p. **Stock Conversion** 3p to 140p, and **English Property**, where a £50m sale by the *Canadian subsidiary clipped* 3p to 43½p.

The possibility of paying more for wheat because of the Russian failure had weaker *markets in both* **RHM** (1½p to 47½p) and **Spillers** (1½p to 42½p).

In papers, **W. H. Smith** still suffered from its recent results and the "A" *shares shed another* 10p to 330p. **Johnson Richards Tiles** were hit by profit-taking and ended 2p down to 198p, after 196p, while a "sell" recommendation for **Western Mining** had the *shares* 4p down to 152p.

International Computers added a penny to 72p ahead of today's result while companies with statements had **Management Agency & Music** unchanged at 63p, as were **WGI** at 51p. **Staveley** *Industries* gained 3p to 122p after its full-time return but **Whitecroft** lost the same amount to 97p on its half-timer.

After *recent firmness* **Lofs** fell back 2p to 34½p and recent figures clipped 4p from West*brick for a close of 31p.*

An interim bulletin from growth-minded Allied Investments (health hydros, nursing agencies, medical insurance) is due soon. Expect a profits jump of more than 60 per cent with business overseas, as in Iran and Korea booming. The shares are 32p.

Equity turnover on December 5 was £48.85m (12,767 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were British Home Stores new, Shell, ICI, Courtaulds, EMI, Distillers, Midland Bank, BP, *Beecham*, Barclays Bank, Burmah, Spillers, Reckitt & Colman, Rank "A", Reed International and GKN.

Latest dividends

Company (and par value)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Blyvooruitzicht (25c) Int	45*	50*	3/2	—	100*
Carclo Eng (25p) Int	1.2	1.13	30/1	—	2.25
Cronite Group (25p) Fin	1.68	1.50	—	2.4	2.26
E. Rand Props (R1) Int	10*	40*	6/2	—	115*
Harold Ingram (10p) Int	1.17	1.1	6/1	—	2.36
H. C. Janes (25p) Int	2.68	2.51	9/1	—	5.11
James Latham (£1) Int	2.75	2.50	20/1	—	6.44
Man Agency (10p) Fin	3.25	1.67	4/2	5.2	3.02
May & Hassell (25p) Int	0.76	0.70	6/2	—	2.28
Notts Patent (50p) Fin	3.61	3.2	19/2	6.61	6.2
Alfred Preedy (25p) Int	0.41	0.41†	3/2	—	1.17†
Samuelson Film (20p)	4.3	2.53	23/1	7.3	7.53
Staveley Inds (£1) Fin	4	4	28/1	7	6
Whitecroft (50p) Int	1.77	1.65	3/2	—	4.86
WGI Int	0.81	0.83	—	—	2.85

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Cents a share. † Adjusted for scrip.

Briefly

BERRY WIGGINS SUCCESS

Acceptances of rights issue of 7.8m shares totalled 96 per cent.

IBSTOCK JOHNSEN

Rights issue was accepted in respect of 93.4 per cent of shares offered.

HAROLD INGRAM

First-half pre-tax profits fell from £369,000 to £243,000. Group sales, £3.28m (£3.61m). Business *now running at the best levels for* some time, chairman reports.

PHILLIPS PATENTS

On turnover down from £1.63m to £1.3m in the half-year to end-August, company fell from a profit of £15,000 to a loss of £50,000. Tax nil (same). Conditions continue to be "extremely difficult", reports the chairman, Mr J. Rowland-Jones.

PEAK INVESTMENTS

Mr J. Finch (chairman) has bought 600,000 shares (about 3 per cent) in the company, Peak Investments said.

BANDANGA HOLDINGS

Mr D. Pinsent has placed 63,000 shares of the company, so reducing his holding to less than 10 per cent of the issued capital.

TILLEY LAMP

Mr R. L. Hersov has acquired 140,584 ordinary shares in Tilley Lamp (23.28 per cent).

PAHANG-PLANTATION

Pahang Consolidated has bought for an undisclosed price an additional 100,000 ordinary shares in Plantation Holdings, raising its stake in Plantation to 10.22m shares (26.35 per cent).

SAFEWAY FOOD STORES

Sales up by 30 per cent to £120.9m in year to October 4. Pre-tax profits up from £2.01m to *£2.65m.*

HAMBRO CANADA

Hambro Corp Canada has sold its controlling interest in Canadian Tokar to Interpublishing, a Toronto-based investment com*pany.—AP-Dow Jones.*

MALAKOFF RUBBER

Reconstruction proposal put forward to foreign investment committee and capital issues committee of Malaysia has been approved by these authorities, board reports.

STOCKBROKERS EXPAND

Brewin, Dolphin have formed *a branch office in Basingstoke,* Hampshire.

HUME HOLDINGS

Rothschild Inv Trust has acquired a further 40,000 "B" shares *giving it 5.5m "A" shares* and 184,000 "B" shares—an aggregate 25.2 per cent of "A" *and "B" capital.*

HAWKINS & TIMPSON

Company has bought from receiver of Frederick Smith its wire drawing business for £450,000 payable by instalments. Book value of assets being acquired was £800,000 at December 1974.

SABINA INDUSTRIES

Good zinc values have been found in two out of the three holes drilled in partnership with US Steel, at Bathurst Mining Camp, Canada.

CRONITE GROUP

Turnover for year to September 30, £3.32m (£2.26m). Pre-tax profit, £310,000 (£199,000) after extraordinary debit nil (£44,000). Dividend is 3.7p (3.37p).

CATTLE'S HOLDINGS

Company has bought four new check trading companies for about £80,000 cash. Loan accounts of £100,000 have been discharged.

ALLIANCE INVESTMENT

Net revenue before tax for half-year to October 15, £191,000 *(£164,000). Net asset value per* ordinary 25p share at October 15 193p (112p a year earlier).

GALAHA CEYLON TEA

Agreement to sell company's three estates to State Plantations of Ceylon has been nullified by new law nationalizing all estate lands. Further negotiations are now necessary.

Foreign Exchange

The Swiss franc was broadly stronger in international currency markets yesterday climbing to par for the first time in terms of the German mark. The dollar closed moderately higher in most other European centres.

The Swiss unit reached par against the mark, at 99.90-100.10, and gained to 2.6190-6215 in terms of the dollar from 2.6365-80 Friday.

Current demand for Swiss francs appears to be the result of speculative demand and traditional year-end "window-dressing" purchases, primarily by Swiss-based banks, dealers said.

The pound fell 10 points against the dollar, to $2.0235. Its effective rate widened from 30.0 to 31.0 per cent.

Gold fell 30 cents an ounce, to $137.25.

Discount market

The anticipated shortage proved greater than feared and the Bank of England was required to assist the market on a very large scale before books could be ruled off.

The authorities bought Treasury bills from the banks and houses and corporation bills directly from the houses.

Run down balances carried across the weekend and settlement of the moderate official sales of gilts made on Friday were two major factors draining funds from the market.

Rates started in the region of 11 to 10¾ per cent, but rose to 11½ per cent as the size of the shortage became apparent. Although at first it seemed the Bank of England's help would fall short of market requirements, closing balances were being taken within a *band of 10 to 10¾ per* cent.

Spot Position of Sterling

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Money Market Rates

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Forward Levels

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Gold

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Whitecroft checked but now on the mend

By Terry Byland

Manchester-based Whitecroft group, in which Hanson Trust *took a 22 per cent stake in* September, suffered a modest check in profits in the six months to September 30. But the interim payment is raised from 2.48p to 2.73p, and the chairman, Mr Ernest Goold, predicts that profits for the second half will beat the £1,301,000 before-tax now reported. *Whitecroft's* operations take in textiles, civil engineering and machine tools.

The first half profits were £348,000 down on the comparable period, although turnover rose by 14 per cent to £21.1m. At the attributable level, *interim profits of £616,000 com*pared with £828,000. Earnings a share slipped from 10.4p to 7.6p.

The fall in pre-tax profits reflected a downturn in textiles, where profits fell by £371,000, and in the machine tool subsidiary *which has lost £187,000.* Mr Goold expects increased profits from textiles in the second half but there is no prediction for machine tools. He adds that *the largest con*tribution in the first half came from the building and engineering supplies division, where "significant growth" was achieved.

Whitecroft has been expanding its profits for the past five trading years, although the pace slowed down last year as the recession in the United Kingdom bit into the group's traditional areas of operations. Pre-tax *profits to* March 1975 totalled £3.3m. The board has pursued a policy of growth, both organic and by acquisition,

Germans take up 54pc stake in Hutchison unit

A German banking group, *Westdeutsche Landesbank Giro*zentrale has taken a 54.5 per *cent stake* in the Hongkong merchant banking firm of Asian International Acceptances and Capital (ASIAC). *This was a* subsidiary of the Hutchison *banking* group which lost £16.4m last year. The German concern agreed in May to a "close alliance" with Hutchison.

Under the arrangement ASIAC was to receive "a broad range of financial facilities in very substantial amounts" from the North Rhein Westphalia *banking concern.*

Part of the arrangement was for the issue of ASIAC capital notes which were *convertible* into shares. The German group has duly switched part of its holding into shares of ASIAC originally called Slater Walker Hutchison.

MAM's dividen is a bit better than expected

The figures from Mana ment Agency & Music (T Jones, Engelbert Humperdin Gilbert O'Sullivan, music p lishing, recording, and pron tion) for the year to July 31 were a bit better than the y before, and at half time Gordon Mills and his colleag expected no great change. Af slipping a little in the first *months pre-tax profits rose* little over the full year, fr £1.9m to £1.98m. This seems imply that at least one of recent acquisitions Gainesme *and Ditchburn* are still showing the promise held when they were bought. the directors set the total d dend at 8.0p against 7.5p *share gross after an interim* They originally expected to only 7.5p. Earnings a share from 12.5p to 12.9p.

May & Hassell sees upturn in second half

The six months to September 30 was tough and timber producers' prices were still weakening. But prospects are better at May & Hassell, the timber im*porters, where the main benefit* of the brisker business will fall in the second half. Pre-tax profits for the first *half* inched ahead from £1.24m to £1.27m, on a turnover of £17.6m, against £16.1m. The dividend rises from 1.04p to 1.17p.

The signs are that May *will* make more than £2.5m, against last year's £1.8m but that marked a fall from the peak £5.4m achieved at the height of the timber boom.

Mr J. Atley, chairman, says that all three subsidiaries *bought during the half year con*tributed to profits, with the Warrington Timber Company moving into the black from a loss of over £200,000 before its acquisition.

Jas Latham happier

Another timber group hoping for an improvement in results during the second half is James Latham. But pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 went down from £523,000 to £406,000 on a turnover up from £9.47m to £9.78m. Even so, the dividend rises from 3.72p gross to 4.23p.

Mr E. Latham, chairman, says that at home orders have not been high enough to keep the group fully occupied. A similar situation lowered the profits *of the manufacturing and pro*cessing activities. The timber side performed reasonably well, but trading in plywood and boards suffered more from the recession.

Guardian Assurance

Guardian Assurance Hldgs, in which Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance *has a substantial* stake, is to acquire Rapp & Maister Hldgs, it is announced from Johannesburg. Under the deal the Guardian Royal Exchange stake will be lowered from 83 per cent to about 65 per cent while Guardian Hldgs *raises its stake in its subsidiary* Liberty Life Association of Africa to 62 per cent. Dealings in shares of Rapp & Maister, Guardian Hldgs and Liberty Life, *restarted* in London and Johannesburg yesterday. Shareholders in Rapp & Maister, get one new share in Guardian Hldgs, issued at R1.35 plus 65 cents (SA) for one R & M share.

Hawker-Onan

In New York yesterday, Sir *Arnold Hall, chairman* and managing director of Hawker Siddeley Group, disclosed full details of the tender offer by Hawker Siddeley Overseas Investments for the outstanding common stock in Onan Corporation, the partly-owned diesel *subsidiary of Studebaker-Worth*ington Inc.

The offer of $32.50 a share cash will expire *on December* 22 and will not be extended. Studebaker has about 94 per cent voting control of Onan through its ownership of all the 2.4m outstanding "B" common *stock.*

Property gloom at Wilson Peck

Shareholders in Wilson Peck, who took the drastic step of voting down the proposed dividend payment for last year, are told in the annual report that the directors believe that the building development at *Custom House in the City of* London will lose money even *though development is proceed*ing *satisfactorily* and the property has been fully let.

The board finds it impractical to value the property, developed by subsidiary Cressdene, during *development. The accounts have* been prepared on a going concern basis, taking the Custom House development at cost to date of £8.6m, compared with an estimated £3.8m when undertaken in May 1973. But the auditors are unable to *decide whether this figure gives* a fair view of the assets on a going concern basis. The music side of the business continues to progress.

Punishing year at Samuelson Film

After a fall in proifts for the *year to March 31 from a record* £420,000 to £383,000 before tax, Mr S. Samuelson, the chairman of Samuelson Milm Service says that the group is now hard put to make a *reasonable profit.*

The turnover of this supplier of equipment and services to the film and television industries rose from £3.4m to £4m. Earnings a share again fell from 16.65p to 14.55p but the dividend is 11.2p.

Babcock's US bid

The bid by Babcock International Inc for the shares of American Chain and Cable Inc, now clearly on the verge of success, has been extended for a *further week, reports Reuter* from New York. The offer of US$29 a share cash remains open until 1800 hrs, New York Time, on December 19, unless further extended. Babcock discloses that about 83 per cent of the outstanding shares have already *been* tendered, and it points out that American Chain is now recommending the offer to shareholders.

Strong start by WGI

Turnover fell from £9.2m to £8.9m at WGI, the engineering and refractory materials group, but pre-tax profits rose from £536,000 to £558,000. The *directors* expect the group to produce a profit for the full year comparable with the record *£958,000 record of 1974-75. The* interim *dividend* is 1.25p *gross* again but the total is to be the most allowed.

Only level pegging at H. C. Janes

The pre-tax profits of H. C. Janes building and housing estate developing group went up from *£901,000 to £975,000 in* the six months to September 30; but the board adds that current trading indicates that the results for the full year will be around the £2.3m of 1975. The dividend goes up from 3.73p to 4.12p gross.

In his annual statement in July, Mr L. Sell, chairman, said that the group was *well placed* to take advantage of an upturn but needed one to grow.

ICI's Australian profit shows 35pc slump

Melbourne, Dec 8.—Falling sales volume and losses in a major subsidiary led ICI Australia to a 35 per cent profit slump in the year end-September.

Profit fell from SA22.364m (about £13.977m) last year to SA14.529m. But the company is *holding* the annual dividend at 12 cents a share. Sales value rose by 1.1 per cent from SA511.954m to $A517.864m. But the directors said sales *volume was substantially lower* and this was the most significant factor in lower profit.

"The effects of Government policies and the decline in economic activity were particularly severe in the textile, plastics and rural sectors", the *company said.—AP-Dow Jones.*

Leyland Paint

There has been a recovery since the derictors of Leyland Paint & Wallpaper announced a loss of £68,000 for the first *half-year to last March. Now a* pre-tax profit of £380,000, against £86,000 is indicated for the full year to September *27.* There will be before extraordinary items, and exclude the group's share of overseas and associated company's profits. *The board has decided against* paying an interim dividend but will consider a final payment in January.

Bank of Japan to rescue

The Bank of Japan is pre*pared to bend its credit regula*tions to prevent one of the nation's major trading houses running into trouble. Bank officials said they had instructed five commercial banks to ensure that Ataka, Japan's ninth largest trading firm, was *unaffected* by reported financial problems at its United States subsidiary.

A spokesman of Ataka said the subsidiary was owed $33m *(£17m) for crude oil deliveries* it had made. Some of the oil had been bought from **British Petroleum.**—Reuter.

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Chown Securities

While it waits for property market to improve, board of Chown Securiti *under Mr John Clover*, is doi what it can to ensure resources are adequate wh the time comes. Borrowir have been cut by £5.5m, thar to property sales. The audit note that without a professio revaluation of group propert *it cannot say whether* valı given in the accounts a accurate.

A & J Mucklow

Rental income of the A. & Mucklow Group will now beg to benefit from *rent reviews* the factory investment co panies (which were major cı *tributors in 1975). Mr Joh* Mucklow writes. He conside prospects "very good" give a return to more norm conditions.

TRICOVILLE

"A further year of reco sales and record profits" f Tricoville *Limited*—who desig produce and market fashionwea —was forecast by Mr D. A *Jacobs, chairman,* in his statemen to shareholders.

MYDDLETON HOTELS

Mr A. Hornsby reports turnover for five months to Novem*ber 30 is up 16.6 per cent. Profit* for quarter to September 30 also higher.

FITZROY INV

Losses are at a reduced level *and there are signs of improve*ment, Mr D. D. Morgan reports in his annual statement. The im*provement should continue.*

M.Y. DART

Mr S. Marks says outlook is good in medium term for exports, and further progress is looked *for this year. Compensation* of £17,000 was paid to a former director.

CTR SECURITIES

Pre-tax loss of £55,000 for 1974 (profit, £10,000). Chairman reports that board has reduced the valuation of the group's property assets in the *balance-sheet* to original cost price, so writing off £537,000, the surplus thrown up in the 1973 valuation.

FIVE OAKS INVESTMENTS

Pre-tax profit, £117,000 (£82,000) for year to end-June. Tax nil (same). No preference or ordinary payment for year (same).

MOSS ENGINEERING

In his annual report, Mr Ernest Cars states that the group's earlier work in overseas markets is be*ginning to produce its reward. He* will be disappointed if the present year does not show "some *improvement*".

NOTTINGHAM PATENT BRICK

Improved demand for bricks has been maintained and company has been in full production since October. Turnover for year to end September, £937,000 (£660,000). Pre-tax profit, £166,000 (£149,000). Total payment 10.17p gross (9.25p).

PENTOS

Pentos has been notified that the merger with Marshall, Morgan & Scott is not to be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

EPC's Trizec in £50m Canadian sell-off

English Property Corporation's 65 per cent-owned Canadian subsidiary, Trizec, has arranged sales of property worth about US $100m to a company called Bramalea Con*solidated Developments.*

Trizec, one of the largest *property* groups in North America with a portfolio worth some £500m, receives $25m cash, about $25m *in redeemable* notes and $50m in the form of assumption of existing mortgages on the properties by the purchaser.

Recent Issues

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Spillers [illegible]	Jan 21	[illegible]
Watson and Philip [illegible]	Jan 16	[illegible]

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. [illegible]

Business appointments

Deputy succeeds industrial relations chief at NCB

Mr Gordon Milligan, director-general of industrial *relations* of the **National Coal Board** since 1966, is to retire on December 31 and will be succeeded by Mr Reginald Thompson, director of wages and deputy director-general.

The following associations have joined the **Committee on Invisible Exports**: Association of Consulting Engineers, Corporation of *Insurance Brokers and Lloyd's* Insurance Brokers' Association. They will be represented respectively by: *Sir Ralph Freeman*, Mr Francis Perkins and Mr I. R. Binney.

Mr A. E. Bowden has joined the board of **Manchester Ship Canal.**

Mr Peter J. Wolfe is to head **First National City Bank's** operating group in the United Kingdom.

Mr R. C. Thornton, chief executive of **Debenhams**, has been appointed deputy chairman of the group.

Mr W. C. Howell and Mr R. Formstone have gone on to the *board of* **Border Breweries.**

Mr Bill Rothwell has become a director of **Conveyancer Plant Hire.**

Mr J. E. Sykes has been made joint managing director of **Watts, Blake, Bearne.**

Mr Garth Smith, managing director of Rael Brook and a member of the menswear divisional board of Tootal, has been elected chairman of the **Shirt Manufacturers' Federation.**

Mr Robert Cockburn, director and general manager of Union Trucks, has been elected to the **Council of the Institute of the Motor Industry.**

Mr Peter Dupere has been appointed vice-president of **Sphere Drake (Underwriting)** with responsibility for a new liaison office in Tokyo.

Mr Kenneth Bradshaw has been made sales director of **Plessey Semiconductors**, with worldwide responsibility for sales and marketing operations. Mr M H Bakker has joined the company as European marketing manager.

PICCADILLY THEATRE LTD.

Statement of the Chairman, Mr. Donald Albery, to the Shareholders

As I forecast in my Chairman's speech last year, the trading results in the year ended 31st December 1974 are at a reduced level *in comparison* with those for the previous year. This decline in profitability can be attributed not only to the general economic situation of the country, but in particular to the *imposition of* VAT, which in the long run can be nothing less than a discriminatory tax against the independent theatre, and the bombing campaign which started in the autumn of 1974 and had *serious* adverse *results* on the theatre industry during the ensuing months.

I am afraid that I cannot forecast any improvement in the current year, quite the *contrary. The profits* will, I am afraid, be lower again. On this account one can add to the difficulties we are facing the fact that inflation has been continuing at such a *fantastic* rate *that* we *find ourselves* having to pay wages eleven times as great as we were paying in 1938/39, which is a far higher rate of inflation than even the fall in the value of the pound which is now *only worth one* seventh of what it was at that time. Even if one only takes the lower inflation rate of the decline in the value of the pound, the real price of a stalls seat in the *theatre today should be seven times* the 12/6 then charged, or £4.50. This may seem an enormous sum, but if we had increased prices by degrees in the same way as taxi fares or meals in *restaurants* have *been increased* over the intervening years nobody would have been unduly surprised, but the fact is that prices were artificially held down by the subsidies given to the subsidised section *of the theatre.* Fortunately, owing to the present shortage of money for a substantial part of the subsidised theatre, there appears to be a glimmer of understanding of the true position *in the quarters that count.* The subsidised theatre is now an accepted way of life but it must be used selectively to produce value for money spent, an objective which in some cases *seems to have been lost* sight of, and not to so subsidise them as to kill the independent theatre. The subsidised theatre already benefits in many cases from only paying a pepper*corn rent; by only paying* half the usual amount of rates—entirely apart from its subsidy. If it is also subsidised so that the prices of admission do not need to reflect the proportionate *effects of inflation*, then a very serious situation will exist.

It is still my view that although subsidies are essential in many cases, particularly for opera and ballet and the repertory theatres in the *provinces, that the independent theatre* with comparatively little Government help could produce the equivalent product to at least as high a standard very much more economically *than is the case in too many* subsidised enterprises at this moment of time.

As regards the imposition of VAT on admission to the theatre, *it has been specifically conveyed to the industry that* the economic situation does not allow for the remission of this tax. However, whilst appreciating the generality of this point *to the full, we are somewhat less impressed* when we look at the highly profitably pornographic or semi-pornographic industries which comprise X-rated films and glossy sex magazines and *other pornographic literature of all kinds* which are *not taxed* in the exemplary way that happens in Continental countries such as France. Here the glossy sex magazines and pornographic literature of all kinds make their fortunes VAT free while Shakespeare, Shaw and Stoppard and Beethoven, Mozart and Britten are subject to this tax.

Further, as I have already mentioned, VAT in the long *run* can only be a discriminatory tax against the independent theatre, and I sincerely trust the Chancellor will see the validity of this statement and also that in the case of the subsidised theatre that this tax is an unnecessary and completely pointless waste of accountancy and bookkeeping and general overhead expense for both the subsidised theatre companies and the appropriate department of the Customs and Excise.

Although what I have said may make prospects sound a little gloomy, it would not be right for me to finish without repeating that I now think there appears to be a glimmer of hope in the fact that in the corridors of power a fuller appreciation of the situation is beginning to percolate through.

Again, our very sincere thanks to the staff of our theatre for their usual diligence in looking after the interests of this company.

Tricoville

Design, production and marketing of fashionwear

Highlights from Mr. D. A. Jacobs' statement

- Remarkable growth ... for fourteen consecutive years
- Another record year forecast
- Excellent forward order position
- Total dividend for year increased by 26.4%

Comparative statistics	1975 £000's	1974 £000's	1973 £000's
Turnover	4,256	3,282	2,653
Profit before taxation	374	296	256
Issued capital and reserves	658	517	400
Earnings per share (Adjusted)	5.86p	4.83p	4.82p

Report and accounts from The Secretary, Tricoville Limited
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CEDAR INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

(Chairman: The Rt. Hon. Lord Blackford, D.F.C.)

The following are salient points from the Report and Accounts of the Company for the year to 30th September, 1975.

Total dividends for the year amounted to 1.9p per share as against 1.7p in the previous year.

Total assets less current liabilities were £23,763,998 compared with £15,513,692.

Asset value per share was 64p compared with 40p, including *the investment* currency premium in full of 54¼ per cent. (47 per cent.).

This year various changes have taken place in our portfolio, principally the sale of our large Investment Trust holdings. The *proceeds have been used to increase* our foreign investments and United Kingdom stocks with a large overseas content. Your directors have decided to continue a policy of increasing dividends and recommend a final dividend of 1.2p which together with the interim dividend of 0.7p paid in *June* represents an 11.8 per cent. increase over the total dividend for last year. Your company has increased its *dividend for each* of the last 26 years except for 1966 when it was prevented from doing so by legislation. Your Directors cannot forecast *the income for the coming year* but they are reasonably confident that the present rate of dividend can at least be maintained.

PROGRESS DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS

Year to 30th Sept.	Total Revenue £	Ordinary Dividend p per share	Total Assets less Current Liabilities £	Net Asset Value of Ordinary Shares p per share
1966	507,424	1.37 (gross)	8,533,381	35
1970	473,803	1.69 (gross)	12,731,633	57½
1974	1,379,823	1.70 *	15,513,692	40
1975	1,389,471	1.90 *	23,763,998	64

* Net of imputed tax

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, at Winchester House, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1BH.

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Bank Base Rates

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illiams & Glyn's	11%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 7%, up to £25,000, 7½%, over £25,000, 8¼%.

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	25	Armitage & Rhodes	28	—	3.0	10.7	7.4
99	94	Deborah Services	99	—	7.5	7.6	5.2
35	90	Henry Sykes	135	—	4.9	3.7	9.0
51	18	Twinlock Ord	23xd	—	0.9	4.0	5.7
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	53	—	12.0	22.6	—
62	48	Unilock Holdings	60xd	—	4.5	7.5	11.6

RAND MINES, LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

DIVIDEND DECLARATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DIVIDENDS have been declared payable to shareholders registered in the books of the undermentioned companies at the close of business on 19th December, 1975, and to persons presenting the appropriate coupons detached from bearer share warrants. The dividends on share warrants to bearer will be paid in terms of a notice to be published later by the London Secretaries of the Companies.

The dividends are declared in South African currency and the rate of exchange at which the dividends will be converted into United Kingdom currency for payment of dividends from the office of the London Secretaries will be the telegraphic transfer rate of exchange between Johannesburg and London ruling on the first business day after 20th December, 1975 on which foreign currency dealings are transacted.

On or about 2nd February, 1976, warrants will be despatched by the share transfer office in Johannesburg to addresses in Africa south of the Equator and from the share transfer office of the London Secretaries to addresses elsewhere. Unless instructions, which will necessitate an alteration in the office from which payment is to be made, are accepted by the companies on or before 19th December, 1975, payment will be made in accordance with existing instructions. Any request by shareholders for a change in the office of payment from within to outside the Republic will require the approval of the South African Exchange Control authorities. Other changes of instructions to apply to these dividends must be received by the companies not later than 16th January, 1976.

In terms of the South African Income Tax Act No. 58 of 1962 (as amended), Non-Resident Shareholders' Tax of 15% will be deducted by the companies from dividends payable to shareholders whose addresses appear in the share registers of the companies as being outside the Republic of South Africa on the date on which the books are closed for purposes of the dividends.

The register of members of each company will be closed from 20th December, 1975 to 1st January, 1976, both days inclusive.

NAME OF COMPANY (Each Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)	Dividend Number	Coupon Number	Amount per Share South African Currency, cents
Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mining Company Limited	60	—	45
East Rand Proprietary Mines, Limited	113	113	10

DURBAN ROODEPOORT DEEP, LIMITED

The Board has decided not to declare a final dividend for the financial year ending 31st December, 1975.

By order of the Boards,
D. F. L. Watts,
Administrative Manager and Secretary

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8th December, 1975

May & Hassell
LIMITED

(Importers, distributors and manufacturers of timber and allied products, Shipowners)

Interim Statement by the Chairman, Mr J H B Atley
Half-Year ended 30th September, 1975

PROFITS at £1.2m (including surplus over book value on disposal of two vessels of £466,385) more than double preceding half year.

DIVIDENDS. Proposed interim dividend payable 6th February, 1976 represents an increase of 12½% on equivalent last year.

ACQUISITIONS. Three subsidiaries acquired during period. The Warrington Timber Co., now contributing to group profits following loss of £200,000 in period before acquisition.

HALLAM GROUP of Nottingham Ltd. (50% owned). The first half has not been profitable, remedies undertaken should achieve improved second half.

OUTLOOK. Turnover to date is ahead of last year and the group is obtaining a very fair share of the U.K.'s meagre consumption. The period began with many uncertainties but ended on a much sounder note. Negotiations for the group's 1975 purchases were not concluded until June. A rise in Shippers' prices is now with us. Restraint on their part is essential. Second half results should more than equal the first.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS
(unaudited)

	Half Year to 30th Sept. 1975 £000	Half Year to 30th Sept. 1974 £000	Year to 31st March 1975 £000
Turnover	17,643	16,162	32,742
Profit before taxation	1,269	1,236	1,766
Interim dividend per ordinary share ..	0.764p	0.7p	2.288p

Copies of the Interim Report are available from the Secretary, 3-8 Redcliffe Parade West, Bristol, BS99 7PH.

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MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

COPPER: Cash wire bars put on £6 and the 3-month position advanced by £5.25 with stock-loss activity lifting the market. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £567-67.50 a metric ton; three months, £587.50-88. Sales, 6,450 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £553-56; three months, £575-75.50. Sales, 50 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £564.50-65.00; three months, £584.50-85.00. Settlement, £565. Sales, 4,450 tons. Cash cathodes, £552-52.50; three months, £572-72.50. Settlement, £552.50. Sales, 425 tons.

SILVER.—The market was without feature and prices remained steady. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 199.15p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 403); three months, 203.55p (409.1c); six months, 210.70p (417.2c); one-year, 224.10p (436.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 197.5-97.6p; three months, 203.1-03.2p; seven months, 211.7-12.5p. Sales 75 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 198.6-98.9p; three months, 203.2-04.4p; seven months, 212.9-13.4p. Settlement 198.9p. Sales, 48 lots (about half carries).

TIN.—Standard cash was £1 lower, but the three-month position put on £2 despite a decline of over $M5 in the Penang price. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,032-35 a metric ton; three months, £3,095-98. Sales, 155 tons. High grade, cash, £3,032-35; three months, £3,095-98. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,024-25; three months, £3,098-3,100. Settlement, £3,025. Sales, 660 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,024-25; three months, £3,098-3,100. Settlement, £3,025. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M935 a picul.

LEAD was firmer with the market attracting influential trade-buying support. Afternoon.—Cash, £163-63.25 a metric ton; three months, £172-72.50. Sales, 125 tons. Morning.—Cash, £164.75-65.0; three months, £172-72.25. Settlement, £165. Sales, 1,275 tons.

ZINC: Values advanced by just over £6 for cash and £5 for 3 months on short covering and chartist buying. Afternoon.—Cash, £331.75-32 a metric ton; three months, £352.50-53. Sales, 850 tons. Morning.—Cash, £331.50-32.00; three months, £352.50-52.75. Settlement, £332. Sales, 2,425 tons. Producers' price, £350 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was up 30p on Friday to £70.40 ($142.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was slightly easier.—Jan, 35-36.25p per kilo. Feb, 35.70-36.35p; Jan-March, 36.25-36.50p; April-June, 37.30-37.40p; July-Sept, 38.35-38.40p; Oct-Dec, 39.35-39.45p; Jan-March, 40.45-40.50p; April-June, 41.25-41.35p; July-Sept, 41.05-42.00p. Sales, 85 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 34.25-35.50. Cifs, Jan, 35.05-35.15; Feb, 35.80-34.90.

COFFEE. Robusta futures advanced, nearby January gaining £13.50 and March £14. Some dealers attributed buying to reports of a large quantity of robusta coffee which had recently been moved from the spot position on the Continent.

ROBUSTAS.—Jan, £746-748 per metric ton; March, £749-750; May, £752-755; July, 757-758; Sept, £760-761; Nov, £764-765; Jan, £765-768. Sales, 1,424 lots, including 27 options.

ARABICAS were dull.—Dec, $86-92 per 50 kilos; Feb, $89-92; April, 90.20-90.40; June, $90.60-90.90; Aug, $91-91.80; Oct, $91.80-92.50; Dec, $91-94. Sales, 23 lots.

COCOA: Dec spot advanced by £19 and March futures were £15.75 up. Dealers attributed the rise to reports that much of the 1974-75 *Nigerian* crop may be deteriorating in storage.—Dec, £706.50-07.00 per metric ton; March, £674-75; May, £654-54.80; July, £643-45; Sept, £636-37; Dec, £630-30.50; March, £628-29. Sales 3136 lots including 23 options. ICO prices: daily 56.82c: 15-day average 54.78c: 22-day average 55.53c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures recorded modest gains to rather thin dealings which mainly involved local speculative activity and some short covering. The London daily prices were unchanged at £148 for "raws" and £165 for "whites". March, £151.50-52 per long ton; May, £153.25-53.50; Aug, £154-54.25; Oct, £154.50-55; Dec, £154-55.25; March, £154.50-55.50; May, £154.50-55.50. Sales 791 lots. ISA prices: 12.50c: 17 day average 12.84c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Dec, £82-80 per metric ton; Feb, £84.20-84.30; April, £85.10-85.30; June, £85.80-86; Aug, £86.70-87.10; Oct, £87.50-88. Sales 51 lots.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—Dec, 172-80p per kilo; March, 175-79p; May, 178-182p; July, 182-85p; Oct, 190-91p; Dec, 192-93.5p; March, 195.5-97.5; May, 196-99p. Sales 8 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Dec-Jan, £149 per long ton. "D" grade, Dec-Jan, £185. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, Dec, Rs 450 per bale of 400 lbs Dundee Daisee. Dec, Rs 450.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Imported grain prices tended easier where changed but business was slow to develop. Scattered inquiry was evident for optional maize for Dec and Jan transhipment to United Kingdom east and west coast port.

WHEAT.—United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Jan, £99.35; Feb, £99.75; March, £100.50 direct Tilbury. April mid-May, £98.35; May, £98.75; June, £99.05; July, £91.40 trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed Dec, £65.75; Jan, £65; Feb, £66.25 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French Dec, £66.25; Jan, £66.50; *Feb, £67.75 trans-shipment east coast seller.* South African white: Jan, £68.25; Feb, £68.50; March, £68.75 United Kingdom. South African yellow: Jan, £67.25; Feb, £67.50; March, £67.75 United Kingdom. BARLEY.—EEC feed Dec, £67; Jan, £67.75; Feb, £70 west coast. All per long ton cif United Kingdom unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was slightly easier: Jan, £63.90; March, £65; May, £66.75; Sept, £65.50; Nov, £67.40. WHEAT was slightly easier: Jan, £64.30; March, £66.20; May, £67.80; Sept, £66.50; Nov, £68.30.

MARK LANE: Quiet conditions persisted in the London cereals market and price valuations showed little change. Small parcels of denaturable wheat traded into Norfolk at £66 per long ton for Jan delivery and into Suffolk at £65.50 for similar delivery. The following are average sellers quotations per long ton for delivery London area. Wheat: milling, Jan-March, £67. Denaturable Jan-March, £66. Barley feed: £63.50.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's regional and UK average ex-farm spot prices for week ending December 5.—Soft milling WHEAT: S East, £63.60; S West, £62; Eastern, £62.15; E Midlands, £62.40; W Midlands, £61.80; N East, £62.55; N West, £63.40; E Scotland, £63.60; N Ireland, no price; UK, £62.40. Feeding BARLEY: S East, £60.50; S West, £61; Eastern, £60; E Midlands, £60.05; W Midlands, £60.15; N East, £60.15; N West, £61.05; Scotland, £59.75; N Ireland, no price; UK, £60.35.

Location ex-farm spot prices for Dec 8—

	Soft milling Wheat	Feed Wheat	Feed Wheat
E Suffolk	£61.40	—	£60.10
N E Scotland	—	£63	£60.00

Malting barley, N E Scotland, £64.

The UK monetary coefficients for the week beginning Monday, December 15 (based on HGCA calculations) are expected to remain unchanged.

MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fatstock prices at representative markets on Mon-Sat, for week-ending Dec 6: UK: Cattle, £21.70 per live cwt (+0.07). Sheep, 38.5p per lb edcw (+1.01). Pigs, £4.96 per sc lw (−0.09). England and Wales: Cattle No's up 15.5 per cent, average price £21.80 (+0.09). Sheep No's down 1.5 per cent, average price 38.7p (+0.9). Pig No's down 0.8 per cent, average price £4.46 (−0.09). Scotland: Cattle No's up 21.0 per cent, average price £23.40 (+0.47). Sheep No's up 4.4 per cent, average price 37.4p (+1.4). Pig No's down 6.9 per cent, average price £5.10 (+0.12).

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 8.—United Kingdom: Cattle, £22.15 per live cwt (+0.38). Sheep, 39.1p per lb edcw (+0.9). Pigs, £4.96 per sclw (−0.05). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 5.8 per cent, average price £22.09 (+0.48). Sheep numbers up 13.0 per cent, average price 39.5p (+0.9). Pig numbers up 6.9 per cent, average price £4.96 (−0.05). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 15.5 per cent, average price £23.81 (+0.5). Sheep numbers up 102.7 per cent, average price 38.55 (+1.5). Pig numbers up 11.8 per cent, average price £5.15 (+0.06).

UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (in tonnes unless otherwise stated) were: Copper up 4,700 to 487,600: Tin up 195 to 7,155; Lead down 75 to 81,700; Zinc up 650 to 70,425; Silver up 40,000 to 16,900,000 troy ounces.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS

	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¾ 1981 ..	103½	104½
Air France 9¾ 1982 ..	101¼	102¼
Airlease 8¾ 1988 ..	86	89
ANDB 9¼ 1980 ..	100	101
Ashland 8 1987 ..	89½	90½
Barclays Bank 9¼ 1992	99½	100½
BFCE 9 1982 ..	101	102
Broken Hill Prop 9½ 1981 ..	101	102
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989 ..	86	89
Burlington 7¾ 1987 ..	89	90
Carrier 8 1987 ..	89¼	90¼
CECA 8¾ 1982 ..	98½	99½
Chevron 7 1980 ..	97½	99
Conoco 7 1980 ..	97	98¼
Conoco 8 1986 ..	96½	97½
Cons Foods 7¾ 1991 ..	86½	87½
CSR 9½ 1980 ..	100¼	101¼
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	92	93
Curacao Tokyo 10¾ 1981	103	103
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	92	93
Dana 8 1987 ..	90	91
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990 ..	84	85
DSM 9¼ 1980 ..	101¼	102¼
EIB 9 1980 ..	101¼	102¼
EIB 9½ 1985 ..	101	102
Escom 9¼ 1989 ..	90	92
Escom 10¾ 1983 ..	99¼	100¼
Escom Floating Rate 1982 ..	97	98
First Chicago 7 1980 ..	94	95
GATX 8¼ 1987 ..	89½	90½
Gould 9¾ 1983 ..	99	100
Guardian Royal 8 1987	77	80
Gulf and Western 9¾ 1980 ..	101	102
ICI 7¾ 1992 ..	85	86
International Util 8¼ 1983 ..	96	97
Motorola 8 1987 ..	93	94
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988 ..	86	89
New Zealand 9 1980 ..	101½	102½
New Zealand 9¾ 1982 ..	101¼	102¼
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980 ..	102	103
Nippon Steel 9½ 1980	99½	100½
N. A. Rockwell 8¾ 1987	89	90
Occidental 10 1981 ..	98½	99½
Ontario Hydro 9 1980	100½	101½
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	89½	90½
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	103	104
Pennwalt 8 1987 ..	92¼	93½
Ralston Purina 7½ 1987	91½	92½
Scanraff 7½ 1990 ..	91	92
Scanraff 8¾ 1988 ..	97	98
Shell 7¾ 1987 ..	93¼	95½
Singer 11 1977 ..	97½	99
Skandinaviska 10¾ 1981	104	105
Standard Oil 8½ 1980 ..	101	102
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988 ..	98	99
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988 ..	99	100
Statsforetag 9¼ 1980 ..	100	101
Sybron 8 1987 ..	90	91
Tenneco 7¾ 1987 ..	87	88
Textron 7¾ 1987 ..	86¼	87¼
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	92	93
Union Oil 7½ 1987 ..	91½	92½
Williams & Glyns 8¼ 1987 ..	81	84

DM BONDS

	Bid	Offer
CFP 8½ 1985 ..	98½	99½
Denmark 9¼ 1989 ..	100	101
ICI 8¼ 1982 ..	97¾	98¾
Mexico 9 1982 ..	100¼	101¼
National Westminster 8 1988 ..	92½	93½
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8½ 1982 ..	100½	101½
Sun Int Fin 7¼ 1988 ..	92¼	93¼

$ CONVERTIBLES

	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987 ..	62	64
American Express 4¼ 1987 ..	81½	83½
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	93½	95½
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	106	108
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	100	102
Borden 5 1993 ..	71	73
Borden 6¾ 1991 ..	101	103
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	77	79
Carnation 4 1988 ..	83	85
Chevron 5 1992 ..	93	95
Cummins 6¾ 1986 ..	76	78
Dart 4¾ 1987 ..	82	84
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	115½	117½
Economic Labs 4½ 1987	79	81
Federated Dept Stores 4¾ 1985 ..	125	126
Ford 5 1988 ..	76	78
Ford 6 1986 ..	85½	87½
Gillette 4¾ 1987 ..	76½	78½
Gould 5 1987 ..	85½	87½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	82	84
Gulf and Western 5 1988 ..	85	87
Harris 5 1987 ..	68	70
Honeywell 6 1986 ..	76	78
ITT 4½ 1987 ..	67	69
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987 ..	109	111
JP Morgan 4¼ 1987 ..	99	101
Nabisco 5½ 1988 ..	93	95
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	88	90
JC Penney 4½ 1987 ..	76½	78½
Revlon 4¾ 1987 ..	99	101
Rank Org 4½ 1993 ..	42	44
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988 ..	90	92
Squibb 4¾ 1987 ..	87½	89½
Texaco 4¾ 1988 ..	73½	75½
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	100	102
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	92	94
Xerox Corp 5 1988 ..	69	71

DM=Deutschmark issue. Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

A small loophole for Soviet Union in grain deal with US

Even the most pessimistic forecasters have been startled by the scope of the Russian grain disaster as revealed by Mr Grigori Vashchenko, chairman of the Supreme Soviet planning and budgetary commission.

He is reported in the Government newspaper *Izvestia* to have given figures which lead to a calculation that the 1975 harvest may total only 137m tonnes, against a target of 215m tonnes, leaving a shortfall of some 78m tonnes and giving the lowest total for 10 years.

Mr Vashchenko said that average annual grain production over the past five years was 8 per cent above the mean annual level of 1966-70. Calculating this with the last four years total gives a needed 137.2m tonnes to bring the five-year average to 8 per cent above the previous five years.

Western forecasts, including the most recent one from the International Wheat Council, had put the total some 20m tonnes above Mr Vashchenko's indication. Western observers now calculate that there could be a margin of error of only about 4m tonnes either way in the Soviet figures.

As Russia usually makes a ceremony of announcing its harvest figures, the roundabout way in which the first official indication has been given not only tends to confirm that the harvest has been a disaster, but shows that the Russian economy has received a severe shock.

In the light of the harvest debacle and the Soviet Union's obvious need to get more grain from somewhere, the latest market report from the International Wheat Council makes interesting reading because it *shows that restrictions on the* export of United States grain to Russia are not so rigid as may have been thought.

The report quotes Mr Richard Bell, the United States Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, as confirming that there is potential for such exports that are not restricted either by the 7m-tonne limitation on sales of wheat and maize from the 1975 crop (imposed after removal of the moratorium) or by the terms of the five-year US-USSR agreement which comes into force on October 1 next year.

Commodities

Wheat harvested in 1976 and shipped before October 1 next year is not covered by either of these limitations and assuming Russian demand for early shipment of 1976-crop wheat, capacity to ship and to receive such wheat is the only limitation on such transactions.

Although grain traders in London had expected a sizable Soviet shortfall, they had thought that a drop to about 160m tonnes was about right and were surprised by the lower figure of 137m tonnes. They expect that the shortfall will eventually have a lasting impact on the international market, but there was little reaction in London on Thursday and the market had what was described as a quiet day.

In Chicago, both grain and soyabeans initially were sharply up as a result of the Russian news, but later the advances were lost and the market finished practically unchanged.

Market reaction was undoubtedly tempered by the fact that Soviet ports are under heavy strain handling grain already bought overseas and it is unlikely that further tonnages could be handled in the immediate future. Present Russian port capacity is believed to be only 10m tonnes higher than the 25m tonnes of grain already purchased and there is now a five or six weeks' backlog on grain shipments and the onset of winter will not help.

Another factor to be weighed is how far the Soviet Union will go in slaughtering *livestock* to counter the shortage of fodder.

It is not considered likely that Russia will turn to the European Economic Community for supplies of wheat as the EEC countries do not produce the type of soft wheat which she mixes with domestic varieties. In any case, M Pierre Lardinois, the EEC Farm Commissioner, has said more than once that grain sales to Russia would depend on whether the EEC had a surplus.

Discussing probable wheat consumption in 1975-76, the Wheat Council report says most of the impact on consumption, as in 1974-75, seems likely to be in the animal feeding sector, the growth of which contributed to the increase in consumption above "trend" in the early 1970s.

With timely foresight, the report says that there is likely to be a reduction in consumption in the Soviet Union, where a high proportion, perhaps one-third in normal circumstances, of the domestic wheat crop is used for feed.

Even taking into account the large volume of wheat imports now arranged by Russia for 1975-76, currently estimated at 11.5 million tonnes, supplies of wheat in Russia will probably be only around 85 million tonnes assuming that domestic stocks were already depleted after the poor crop of 1974, compared with more than 100 million tonnes in 1973-74.

Further evidence of the effect on animal feeding is provided, says the report, by the large quantities of feed grains likely to be imported by the Soviet Union in 1975-76. Purchases announced to date amount to about 8 million tonnes.

On world wheat production in 1975, including China, the report now estimates this at 355m tonnes, compared with the previously forecast range of 350m-355m tonnes and the outturn of 352m tonnes in 1974.

With 1975 production now estimated to be very little higher than in 1974, world consumption in 1975-76 is expected, for the second successive year, to be below the "trend" figure suggested by recent rates of growth.

Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Wall Street

New York, Dec 8.—Prices headed lower in moderate trading on the New York Stock Exchange this morning. Before mid-session the Dow Jones industrial average was off more than two points.

Declines led advances by more than two-to-one in a turnover of around 3.5m shares.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd. Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
33.8	20.8	Giants	29.1	31.3	3.91
36.0	21.7	Do Accum	31.4	33.7	3.91
30.8	18.2	Growth	27.3	29.4	4.28
32.2	19.0	Do Accum	29.8	32.0	4.28
31.5	20.7	Income	30.6	32.9	11.17
35.0	23.4	Do Accum	35.0	37.6	11.17
22.9	13.6	East & Int Acc	17.7	19.1	2.63
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.3	19.8	Abbey Capital	21.8	23.1	4.39
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	33.2	35.3	3.98
27.6	11.0	Do Income	26.3	27.9	5.84
27.5	13.4	Do Invest	26.7	28.3	4.07
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd. 34 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.3	33.1	Alben Trust*	55.3	59.5	3.52
50.8	24.3	Do Income*	49.4	53.1	5.60
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
54.6	30.1	Allied Capital	52.0	55.7	5.56
51.3	31.4	Do 1st	49.1	52.5	5.40
51.3	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	48.4	51.8e	5.92
29.1	16.3	Growth & Inc	27.9	29.9	6.62
24.6	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	23.5	25.2e	5.66
38.9	24.3	Met Min & Cmdty	33.9	36.2e	5.88
47.3	29.1	High Income	45.6	48.8	7.00
30.8	16.4	Equity Income	29.7	31.8	6.54
23.8	14.1	International	21.9	23.4	2.22
43.6	25.0	HighYieldFnd	42.6	45.6	9.53
83.6	43.5	Hambro Fnd	78.7	84.1e	5.74
40.8	22.7	Do Income	39.4	42.1	7.34
96.2	44.3	Do Recovery	93.7	100.2	6.88
19.1	9.9	Do Smaller	18.1	19.4	6.88
21.4	12.3	Do Accum	20.6	22.1e	4.84
23.2	13.6	2nd Smaller	22.9	24.5	7.21
44.6	30.4	Secs of America	40.3	43.1e	3.14
130.6	89.5	Exempt Fnd	130.6	137.2	6.37
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd. 252 Romford Road, London, E7 01-534 5544			
31.6	25.0	UnicornAmer	29.5	31.8e	3.45
68.4	35.7	Aust Income	55.2	60.0	2.32
73.6	42.2	Do Accum	66.8	72.6	2.32
55.6	27.6	Unicorn Capital	52.6	56.3	4.47
72.4	30.2	Exempt*	70.2	73.1e	6.55
21.2	11.3	Extra Income	20.6	21.9e	8.23
50.9	22.4	Financial	47.4	51.2e	4.40
49.8	26.4	Unicorn '500'	48.4	51.8	6.26
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 45 Beech St, EC2 P2DX. 01-628 8011			
58.9	39.1	Dollar	54.8	58.7e	2.21
30.6	19.8	International	29.1	31.2	3.08
124.7	52.6	Brit Trst	117.9	126.2e	5.12
124.7	62.6	Brit Guernsey	117.8	126.2	3.33
23.6	9.2	Cap	22.7	24.3	5.26
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers. Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
93.5	46.5	Prudential	89.6	94.5e	4.61
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
42.0	23.6	Opp.Accum (3)	40.8	43.2	4.54

Offshore and International Funds

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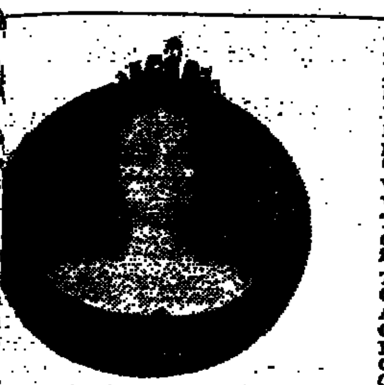

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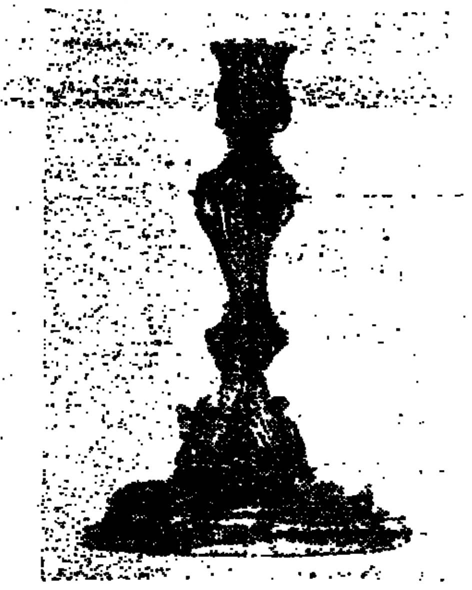

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PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT SESSION 1975-76

BRITISH RAILWAYS

Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament in the Session 1975-76 by the British Railways Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:—

1. Construction of the following works:—
In the metropolitan county of Tyne and Wear:
Two railways (684 metres and 1,425 metres in length respectively) in the district of North Tyneside:
In the county of Cleveland:
A railway (2.823 metres in length) in the district of Langbaurgh:
In the county of Northumberland:
A railway (1.805 metres in length) in the district of Castle Morpeth and partly in the parish of Hepscott in the said district.
2. Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of the proposed works and power to stop up temporarily roads and footpaths. Raising and diversion of part of Coupler Lane in the said district of Castle Morpeth. Construction of lines of railway crossing on the level Hundred Road in the parish of March in the district of Fenland in the county of Cambridgeshire and special provisions in connection with the construction, operation and maintenance of the said level crossing.
3. Stopping up of footpath and provision of new footpath in the parish of Brafferton in the district of Darlington in the county of Durham. Stopping up of portions of roads in the district of Bury in the metropolitan county of Greater Manchester and in the parish of East Dean in the district of Test Valley in the county of Hampshire. Stopping up of footpaths in the district of Knowsley in the metropolitan county of Merseyside and in the parish of Uttoxeter Rural in the district of East Staffordshire in the county of Staffordshire.
4. Acquisition of lands and easements in the areas aforesaid of the proposed works and also in the following areas: the said district of Knowsley; the parish of Bickenhill in the district of Solihull in the metropolitan county of West Midlands; the parish of Helpston in the district of Peterborough in the county of Cambridgeshire; the district of Stockton-on-Tees in the county of Cleveland; the parish of Great Aycliffe in the district of Sedgefield and the said parish of Brafferton in the county of Durham; the parishes of Acklington and Warkworth in the district of Alnwick and the parish of Kyloe in the district of Berwick-upon-Tweed in the county of Northumberland and the district of Newark in the county of Nottinghamshire. The said lands include a portion (having an area of 650 square metres) of the playing field at the rear of Devonshire Drive, Backworth, in the said district of North Tyneside. Power to take temporary possession of land in the said district of Knowsley. Extinction of rights of way over the lands to be acquired and special provisions as to entry and compensation.
5. Power to the Board and the Norfolk County Council acting on their own behalf or on behalf of the Secretary of State to enter into agreements with regard to a level crossing to be constructed in the parish of Fordham in the district of West Norfolk and power to the Board to stop up the road over an existing level crossing in the said parish. Special provisions in connection with the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed crossing and as to contributions by the said county council to the cost thereof and with regard to other matters relating thereto.
6. Continuance in force in their application to the Board and British Transport Hotels Limited until the 1st January 1982 of the provisions of section 54 (Powers of police as to search and arrest) of the British Transport Commission Act of 1949.
7. Relief of the Board from duties and obligations in respect of the ancient ferries across the river Thames between Tilbury and Gravesend.
8. Power to the Board and the Devon County Council to enter into agreements in regard to the maintenance, or for the transfer to the council, of the bridge formerly carrying the Barnstaple loop railway over the river Taw in the parish of Barnstaple in the district of North Devon and for the transfer to the council of the powers and obligations of the Board in respect of the said bridge and its use thereafter for highway purposes.
9. Relief of the Board from legal obligation to provide for the opening and shutting of the gates of Hollands (otherwise Streethay) level crossing in the parish of Streethay in the district of Lichfield in the county of Staffordshire and provision for the payment of compensation to persons affected thereby.
10. Relief of the Board from obligation to apply the net proceeds of any sale of the trust premises known as the Cambrian Railways Institute, Oswestry, in the purchase of other premises subject to the same trusts and power to the Board to distribute any such proceeds amongst charities or philanthropic bodies as the Board may decide and thereafter to be discharged from all trusts relating to the said trust premises.
11. Repeal of section XXXI (Power to purchase rights of ferry) of the London, Tilbury and Southend Extension Railway Act 1852 and paragraph (2) of section 7 (Company to purchase existing harbour) of the Newhaven Harbour Improvement Act 1878.
12. Extension of time for the completion of Works No. 5 authorised by the British Transport Commission Act 1968.

And notice is further given that plans and sections of the said intended works and plans of the lands which may be taken or used compulsorily with a book of reference to such plans, were, on or before the 20th November 1975, deposited for public inspection with the proper officer of the council of the county concerned as follows:—

As regards the lands in the metropolitan county of Merseyside with the County Solicitor and Secretary at Metropolitan House, Old Hall Street, Liverpool; as regards the works and lands in the metropolitan county of Tyne and Wear, with the Chief Executive at Sandyford House, Archbold Terrace, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; as regards the lands in the metropolitan county of West Midlands, with the County Secretary at County Hall, Lancaster Circus, Queensway, Birmingham; as regards the works and lands in the county of Cambridgeshire, with the County Secretary at Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge; as regards the works and lands in the county of Cleveland, with the County Secretary at Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough; as regards the lands in the county of Durham, with the Chief Executive and Clerk at County Hall, Durham; as regards the works and lands in the county of Northumberland, with the County Secretary at County Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; and as regards the land in the county of Nottinghamshire, with the Director of Administration and Solicitor at County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham; and that a copy of so much of the said plans, sections and book of reference as relates to each of the areas hereinafter mentioned was on or before 20th November 1975, deposited for public inspection with the proper officer of the council of the area concerned as follows:—

Area	Officer with whom plans, sections and book of reference deposited.
Metropolitan District of Knowsley	Chief Executive and Town Clerk. Knowsley Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, P.O. Box 17, Kirkby, Liverpool;
Metropolitan District of North Tyneside	Secretary/Chief Legal Adviser, North Tyneside Borough Council, 14, Northumberland Square, North Shields;
Metropolitan District of Solihull	Town Clerk and Chief Executive Officer, Solihull Borough Council, The Council House, Solihull;
District of Alnwick	Chief Executive, Alnwick District Council, Allerburn House, Denwick Lane, Alnwick;
District of Berwick-Upon-Tweed	Secretary, Berwick-Upon-Tweed Borough Council, Council Offices, Wallace Green, Berwick-Upon-Tweed;
District of Castle Morpeth	Chief Executive, Castle Morpeth Borough Council, Council Offices, Dacre Street, Morpeth;
District of Darlington	Borough Secretary and Solicitor, Darlington Borough Council, Town Hall, Feethams, Darlington;
District of Fenland	District Secretary, Fenland District Council, Town Hall, Wisbech;
District of Langbaurgh	Chief Executive, Langbaurgh Borough Council, Town Hall, Fabian Road, Eston, South Bank, Middlesbrough;
District of Newark	Secretary, Newark District Council, Kelham Hall, Kelham, Newark;
District of Peterborough	Legal & Administrative Officer, Peterborough City Council, Town Hall, Peterborough;
District of Sedgefield	District Solicitor, Sedgefield District Council, Green Lane, Spennymoor;
District of Stockton-on-Tees	Secretary, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees,
Parish of Acklington	J. W. T. Robinson Esq., B.E.M., Clerk, Acklington Parish Council, 5, Bisley Road, Amble;
Parish of Bickenhill	G. Billingham Esq., Clerk, Bickenhill Parish Council, 31, Elmdon Road, Marston Green;
Parish of Brafferton	Miss O. Duff, Chairman, Brafferton Parish Meeting, Preston Tilery Farm, Brafferton, Darlington;
Parish of Great Aycliffe	J. D. Farquhar Esq., Clerk, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, Upper Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe;
Parish of Helpston	D. Crowson Esq., Clerk, Helpston Parish Council, 40 Maxey Road, Helpston, Peterborough;
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Parish of Kyloe	J. Storm Esq., Clerk, Kyloe Parish Council, 1, Castle Cottages, Etal, Cornhill-on-Tweed;
Parish of March	J. H. Evans Esq., Clerk, March Parish Council, Broadlands, Wimblington Road, March;
Parish of Warkworth	Miss G. E. Murdy, Clerk, Warkworth Parish Council, 4, Guildon Road, Warkworth.

On and after the 4th December 1975, a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 30p for each copy at the undermentioned offices: at the office of the Solicitor (Scotland) of the Board at 9, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh; and also at the ticket office at Barnstaple, Berwick-Upon-Tweed, Darlington, Grantham, Huyton, King's Lynn, March, Marston Green, Middlesbrough, Morpeth, Newark (Northgate), Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Peterborough railway stations.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1975.

D. H. REGNIER,
British Railways Board,
Melbury House, Melbury Terrace,
London, NW1 6JU,
Chief Solicitor.

SHERWOOD & CO.,
Queen Anne's Chambers,
41, Tothill Street,
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IN PARLIAMENT SESSION 1975-76 AUSTRALIAN ESTATES COMPANIES

Notice is hereby given that APPLICATION has been MADE to Parliament by The Australian Estates Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Australian Estates") for LEAVE to INTRODUCE in the present Session of Parliament a Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:—

1. To make provision for the transfer to the State of New South Wales in the Commonwealth of Australia of the registered offices of Australian Estates, New South Wales Pastoral Company Limited and Australian Estates (London) Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Companies");
2. To provide for the cesser of the application to the Companies of the provisions of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1967 (with the exception of those provisions which apply to overseas companies).

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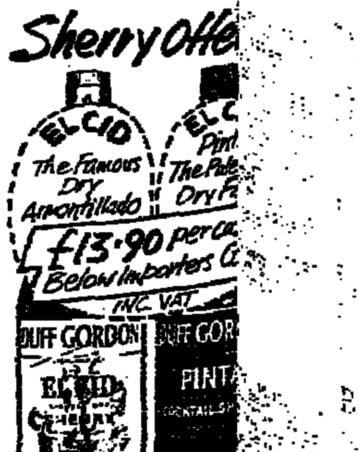

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BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 3.00 pm, Parents and Children. 3.30-3.55, Images for Sale. 6.40-7.05, Ensemble.
7.30 Newsday.
7.50 Book Programme.
8.15 Floodlit Rugby: Dewsbury v Leeds.
9.00 As BBC1.
9.10 The Musical Time Machine.
10.00 At a Time Like This, part 2: The Go-Between.
10.50 The Old Grey Whistle Test.
11.30 Newsnight.
11.45-11.50, Gwen Watford reads Moorland Night, by Charlotte Mew.

Thames

10.00 am, Hammy Hamster. 10.15, Inner Space. 10.40, The Saint.* 11.30, Harvest Home. 12.00, Paperplay. 12.10 pm, Mr Trimble. 12.30, Regional Flavour. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Emmerdale Farm. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Couples. 3.00, A Raging Calm. 3.55, General Hospital. 4.25, Look Alive. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, Nanny and the Professor.
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50 am, Seaspray. 10.15, The mmuods. 10.40, Inner Space. 1.35, Woody Woodpecker. 11.30, hames. 1.20 pm, Westward News eadlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, ait Till Your Father Gets Home. 50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 35, ATV. 7.10, Charlie. 9.00, hames. 11.40, Westward News. 1.43, Faith for Life.

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10.35 am, Boney. 11.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, The Beachcombers. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.15, Film: A Woman for Charlie, with Dan Blocker, Nanette Fabray. 9.00, Thames. 11.40, The Ancient Games. 12.10 am, Border News.

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.55 am, Starting Point. 11.00, he Magic Pencil. 11.05, Inner pace. 11.30, Thames. 1.30 pm, ove American Style. 2.00, Thames. .20, Emmerdale Farm. 5.50, ews. 6.00, Today. 6.35, ATV. .15, Film, How to Commit Mar- age, with Bob Hope, Jane Wyman. .00, Thames. 11.40, Epilogue.

Grampian

11.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.10, Country Focus. 6.35, ATV. 7.15, Film: How to Commit Marriage, with Bob Hope, Jane Wyman. 9.00, Thames. 11.40, Sidling with Gina. 12.10 am, Prayers.

Radio

1
6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, Conservative Party political broadcast. 2.07, David Hamilton.† 4.30, DLT. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Three in a Row. 7.30, Robin Richmond.† 8.02, Among Your Souvenirs.† 9.02, The Songwriters: Arthur Schwartz.† 10.02, Ian Carmichael's Music Night. 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 9.02, Harry Carpenter† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jean Challis.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Radio 1. 11.05, Colin Berry (1,500m). 12.00-12.05 am, News.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Johann Strauss, Saint-Saëns, Rossini, Smetana.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Arne, Quantz, Couperin.† 9.00, News. 9.05, C. P. E. Bach.† 9.55, Mozart, Part 1.† 11.00, Words . . . R. W. Burchfield. 11.05, Mozart, part 2.† 11.40, Voice and Harpsichord: Purcell, Carissimi, Caccini, Alessandro Scarlatti.† 12.10 pm, Concert Part 1: Geoffrey Bush, Tchaikovsky.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Concert part 2: Mozart, Bizet.† 2.05, Concert: Oliver Knussen, Harrison Birtwistle, David Lumsdaine, Morton Feldman.† 3.05, Schubert, Mozart, Johann Strauss, Mayer, Haydn, Lanner.† 3.55, Concert Club: Giles Farnaby, transc. Howarth, Addison, Thomas Crequillon, Senfl, Vecchi, Agricola, Gabrieli, Richard Rodney Bennett, Scheidt.† 4.55, Jazz Today.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Who Manages? 7.00, Teaching Adults to Read. 7.30, Halle Orchestra, Part 1: Mozart.† 8.20, Three English Childhoods, 2. 8.40, Concert Part 2: Rachmaninov.† 9.25, Play: The Fixed Smile, by Jennifer Phillips, with Liane Aukin, Anne Stallybrass, Nigel Lambert. 10.00, Ernst Krenek.† 10.15, A New Look at Doom with Lord Ashby. 10.40, Historic Performances on Record. Leo Plech. 11.25-11.30, News.

4
6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more of Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Do-it-yourself. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, Windmills of Your Mind. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Just a Minute. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Pride and Prejudice. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story: Victory. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, My Word! 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News. 7.25, Conservative Party political broadcast. 7.30, Radio 3. 8.25, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: Charlie. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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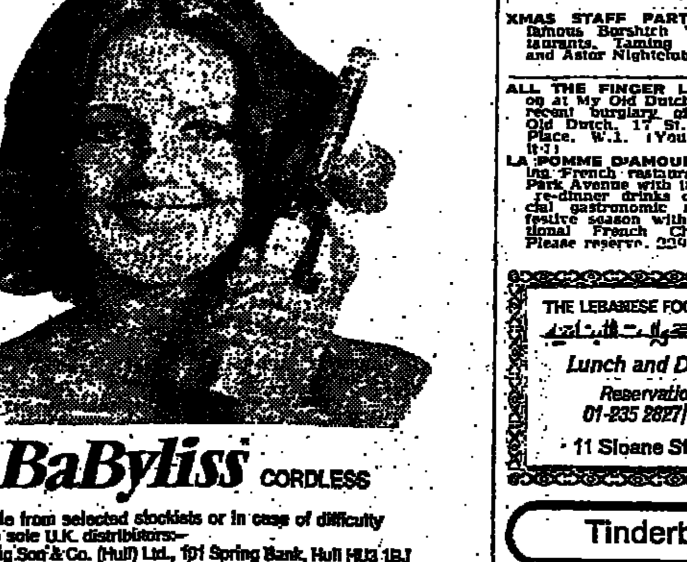

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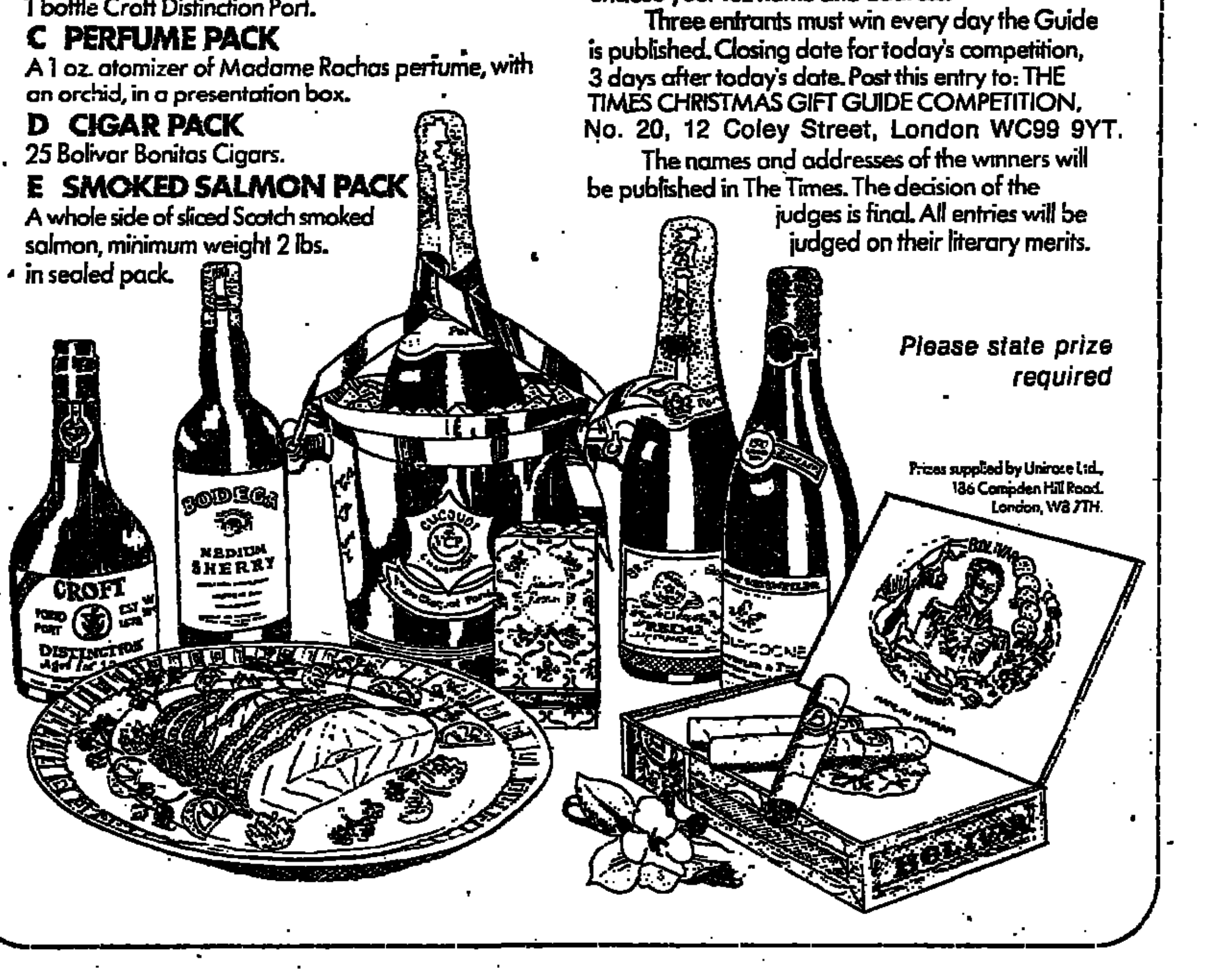

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ALBION.—On December 4th to Alan and Sarah (née Gee)—a 2nd [illegible].

BAILLIE.—At Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on 3rd December 1975, to Jean and Lucy Baillie [illegible], Greenhill, Redcastle, [illegible]—a son.

BARRACLOUGH.—On December 5th, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Tasa and Martin—a son (Harry Erskine), a brother for Timothy.

BORDEVICH.—On Sunday, December 7th, 1975, at University College Hospital, to Victoria (née Jardine) and Nicholas—twins, a sister and a brother for Luke.

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EDWARDS.—On December 7th, at Bexley Maternity Hospital, to Jocelyn (née Marsh) and Andrew—a son (Alexander James).

FAULKS.—On December 4, to Caroline (née Trotter) and Nigel Faulks—a son (Joshua).

GADNEY.—On 5th December at University College Hospital, to Juliet (née Sabine) and John—a son, a brother for Max.

GOURLAY.—On 7th December, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, to Rosemary and Robin—a daughter (Henrietta).

LAPPING.—On 5th December, at the Royal Free Hospital, to Anne and Brian—a daughter (Melissa [illegible]), a sister for Harriet and Claudia.

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NORRIS : BULLARD.—On December 9th 1925 at All Saints Church, Elm, Eric Tobias Norris to Calah Mary Bullard.

DEATHS

ALLENBY.—The service for Lt.-Col. the Hon. C. W. H. (Bill) Allenby will take place at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Rd., Brighton, on Thursday, December 11th, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please, may be sent to Hanningtons, 4/6 Montefiore Rd., Hove, Sussex.

BARROWCLOUGH.—On December 7th, 1975 at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, after a short illness, Constance Marian (née Page), dearly loved mother, sister and grandmother. Funeral service at Golders Green crematorium, Thursday, December 11th, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 81 Westbourne Grove, W.2. Telephone 229 3810.

BARTLETT.—On December 6th, 1975, Marjorie Muriel Sibley Bartlett, aged 81, eldest daughter of the late Dr and Mrs Hedley Bartlett, of Saffron Walden. Memorial service, Saffron Walden Parish Church, Monday, December 15th, at 2.15 pm. Cremation private at St Faith's, Norwich.

BEDDINGTON.—On December 7th, 1975, suddenly at The Old Rectory, Winterborne Stickland, Blandford, Dorset, Major General William Richard Beddington, C.B.E., aged 82, beloved husband of Elizabeth and father of Guy. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Winterborne Stickland, on Thursday, December 11th, at 2.30 p.m.

BELL.—On December 5, 1975, peacefully at home "Morafon", Deganwy Road, Deganwy, Gwynedd, Dr. John Frederick Bell, loved husband of Leslie and father of Mandy, Nicholas, Angela and Sarah.

BORTHWICK.—On December 5, 1975, at Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey, John, late of Hongkong and Brunei, aged 57, beloved husband of Annette and dear father of Nigel, Trevor and Susan. Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, on Wednesday, December 10, at 12 o'clock. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired to Leukaemia Research Fund, care of above hospital.

CAMERON.—On 8th December, 1975, at 14 Queen Street, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, Elizabeth, aged 55 years, always cheerful throughout a long illness, wife of Ian Cameron and mother of Shirley and Joanna. Service at St. Michael and All Angels Church, William Street, Helensburgh, on Thursday, 11th December, at 2.30 p.m. Cremation thereafter private. No flowers please.

COUTANCHE.—On December 6th, 1975, peacefully after a short illness, at the Plaxtol Nursing Home, in her 81st year, Dorothy Honor Courtlandt, of Higlers, Shipbourne, widow of John Keith Finlayson Coutanche, and beloved mother of Pam (Barlas) and Michael: mother-in-law of John and granny of Jane, Shena and Richard. Funeral at Charing Crematorium on Friday, 12th December at 2.00 p.m. Enquiries to W. & F. Groombridge, Tonbridge. Tel. 3764.

DAUBERCIES.—On December 7th, 1975, Edmond Francis Daubercies, in his 86th year, dear father of Audrey, Ann, and Alison. Funeral service at Hampstead Cemetery, Fortune Green Road, N.W.6, on Friday, December 12th, at 11.00 a.m.

de la FELD.—On 4th December, 1975, Adeline Cecilia Countess de la Feld, peacefully, at her home in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, in her 95th year. Funeral took place at Victoria yesterday, 8th December.

DE LARAGEAZ.—On December 8th, peacefully at Caterham, René, of Tetherdown, Rook Lane, Chaldon, and Lausanne, Switzerland, after a long illness, accepted with great courage and good humour. Dearly loved and sadly missed by his family and friends. Cremation private. Family flowers only. No letters please.

DOWTY.—On December 7, 1975, peacefully, at his home, Balladoole House, Castletown, Isle of Man, Sir George Dowty, beloved husband of Marguerite and dear father of George and Virginia (Lilley). Funeral private, at Arbory Church, Ballabeg, Isle of Man, followed by cremation. No flowers, by request; donations, if desired, to The Prestbury Branch of The British Empire Cancer Campaign, care of Arle Court, Cheltenham. Announcement of memorial service later.

DRUMMOND-JACKSON. — On December 7th, 1975, suddenly, in London, Stanley Lithgow Drummond-Jackson, LDS, RCS, aged 66, dear husband of Ruth, of 53 Wimpole St., London, W.1, and 33 Whitworth Rd., Sheffield 10. Funeral at St. Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, East Finchley, N.2, 11 a.m., on Friday, 12th Dec. No flowers, please.

FARTHING.—On December 8th, 1975, in King Edward VII Hospital, George Gresié, beloved husband of Edna and dear father of Michael, James and Richard.

FILMER.—On December 3rd, 1975, suddenly but peacefully, Frank Leslie, beloved husband of Norah. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Lindfield, Sussex, on Friday, December 12th, at 2 p.m. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Friends of Lancing Chapel, c/o Mr P. Witherington, Lancing College, Lancing, Sussex (to assist in the completion of the chapel—this would be his wish).

FITZHERBERT.—On December 7th, at Pembury Hospital, without regaining consciousness following a road accident, and in her 85th year, Monica Gwendoline (Wendy), widow of Richard Anthony and beloved mother of Anthony and Robert. Inquiries to E. R. Hickmott and Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells. Telephone 22462.

FREELAND, DAVID MICHAEL, passed away 6th December, 1975, at Twyford Abbey Nursing Home. Late of 17 Hart Grove, London, W.5. Cremation, Mortlake, on Friday 12th December at 2 p.m.

FRIEDBERGER.—On December 6th, 1975, suddenly, at Northampton General Hospital, Eleanor Louise, aged 68 years. Cremation private. Memorial service, Monday, December 15th, at St James's Church, Hollowell, Northampton, 2.30 pm.

FRYE.—On Sunday, 7th December, Jack Frye, CBE, after a long illness borne with outstanding bravery, deeply mourned by his loving wife, children, family and worldwide friends. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday, 11th of December. Family mourners only. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 49 Marloes Road, London, W8, by 10 am on 11th December. Memorial service to be announced later.

GORMAN.—On December 5, 1975, at Chester, in her sleep, and of 13 Whalley Avenue, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester M21 2TU, Sharon Gorman, LL.B., in her 22nd year, the dearly loved daughter of Gerry and Irene and beloved fiancée of Peter Kelly. Service and committal at Manchester crematorium, on Wednesday, December 10, at 3.15 p.m. Sprays only, please. Inquiries: R. Pepperdine & Sons Ltd. Tel.: 061-881 5363.

GREY.—On 7th December, 1975, peacefully at his home, East End House, Ditchling, Sussex, Martin Grey, the dearly loved husband of Wendy and adored father of Priscilla and David. Funeral service at St. Margaret's Church, Ditchling, on Friday, 12th December, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only but donations if desired for St. Margaret's Church, Ditchling, and The Friends of Ditchling, may be sent to Gates & Company, Solicitors, Regents House, Princes Place, Brighton.

GRIMSDITCH.—On December 7th, peacefully, at his home in Farnborough, Kent, Ken, dear husband and father. No flowers, please.

HACKWILL.—On December 4th, 1975, in Salisbury, Rhodesia, Katherine Muriel, widow of George Hackwill, and dearest mother of Roger.

HALES.—On 5th December 1975 at Fitzhall, Iping, Sussex in her 82nd year, Rhona Brunwin, late of Stream Cottage, Selborne, the surviving daughter of the late Mr and Mrs H. M. Hales. Funeral at Selborne Parish Church at 11.15 a.m., Friday, 12th December, 1975. Family flowers only.

HARLEY.—On December 4th, at Malvern, Clara Celia Harley, aged 95, widow of Ernest William James Harley and beloved mother of Harold, William, Dorothy Celia (Mrs R. B. Lunt), and Charles. Funeral at Oakridge Church, Gloucestershire on Saturday, December 13th at 1.30 p.m. No flowers please, at her request. Donations to Help the Aged, care of the Reverend Canon R. B. Lunt, 1 Ranelagh Road, Malvern WR14 1BQ.

HARRISON.—On 3rd Dec., 1975, Catherine Austen, of The Rowans, Crowborough, younger daughter of the late Francis and Helen Sladen Harrison and sister of Austen and Ena. Private cremation. No flowers.

HASTINGS.—On 7th December, peacefully, at her home, Gwendoline, aged 88, widow of George Hastings. Service at Rodbourne Parish Church, near Malmesbury, Wilts, on Friday, 12th December, at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation.

HENDERSON.—On December 5, 1975, suddenly, at La Domaine de Varaire Cazes Mondenard, 82, France, Helen, beloved wife of Keith and much loved mother of Caryl, Annette and Diene.

HUMPHREYS, SALLY ANN.—On 5th December, 1975, after a road accident, Sally, of Saints Mary and John Vicarage, Rowley Road, Oxford, beloved wife of John, daughter of Robert and Eunice Stirrups, sister of David, Ian, and Andrew. Requiem at St. Mary and John, Oxford, on Thursday, 11th December, at 12 noon, followed by cremation at 1 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

HUNT.—On 7th December, 1975, peacefully, aged 85, Lucy Sylvia ("Mrs Sir"), formerly of the Beacon, Crowborough, widow of Robert Wallis Hunt and mother of Wallis, Bruce (Boniface), Tony and Diana. Proud and loving granny to ten grandsons, three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. Funeral at Fairwarp Church, near Uckfield, at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 13th, followed by interment at High Hurstwood. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Gordon Hamilton Fairley Fund, P.O. Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PX.

KILROY, LEO NORMAN. — On December 5th, died peacefully at his home, 35 Burnell Street, Brimington, Chesterfield, after a long illness.

MAHON.—On November 28th, at her home, Itchen Bank, Shawford, Winchester, Violet, aged 90, daughter of the late William Laigle Cole, of Otterbourne, widow of Lt-Col Marcus Mahon and mother of Jill Webster.

MARTIN.—On 6th December, peacefully, Marjorie Kathleen Martin, dearest wife of Rev. Geoffrey N. Martin, I.C.S., Retd., Little Ven, Milborne Port, Sherborne. Service Milborne Port Parish Church, Friday, December 12th, 11 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations to C.M.S., 157 Waterloo Road, S.E.1.

MARTINEAU.—On 4th December, peacefully, in his sleep, Denis Frederick, aged 68 years, of Mompesson House, Salisbury, and 34 Montpelier Square, SW7. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 3.30 pm on Friday, December 12th. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 132 Preston Road, London W10 6TH.

McCORMICK.—(BRAY). On 6th December, 1975 (suddenly) at his home "The Aske", Bray, Co. Wicklow, Brian very dear husband of Pamela and father of Judy, Tim, Simon. No letters please.

MILNER.—On 5th December, 1975, suddenly, of Cavendish Avenue, Allestree, Derby, Dr Kenneth Oswald Milner, aged 66 years, (late of Aston Hall Hospital, Derby). Funeral Thursday, 11th December, Service 2 p.m. in Aston on Trent Church, Derby, followed by cremation at Wilford Hill Crematorium, Nottingham. Cut flowers may be sent to G. Wathall and Son, Ltd., 101 Machlin Street, Derby.

MIRANDON DU PLESSIS, LOUISE (née Geneve), peacefully at home, on December 6th, widow of Victor Mirandon Du Plessis. Funeral private. Villa Sunberg, Quartier de L'Ereste, 06140 Vence, France.

MORISON.—On December 7th, 1975, Thomas Davies (Bob), at home at "Hüsli", Links Green Way, Cobham, Surrey, peacefully in his sleep after a long illness. Beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather of Sally, Eric, Noll and Catrina. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th. Inquiries to Farebrother & Co. Ltd., 21 London Road, Kingston-upon-Thames (01-546 3223).

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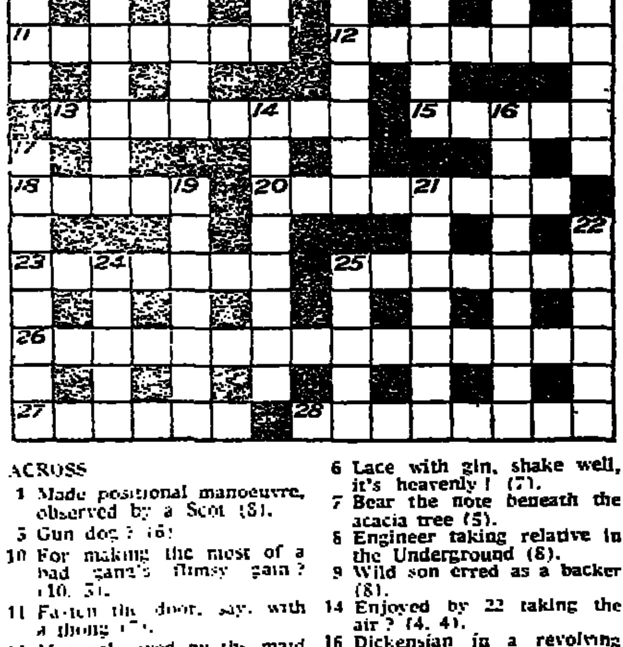

ACROSS

1 Made positional manoeuvre, observed by a Scot (8).
5 Gun dog ? (6).
10 For making the most of a bad game's flimsy gain ? (10, 5).
11 Fasten the door, say, with a thong (7).
12 Material saved by the maid (7).
13 Worker bees make them, but one is helpless in them (8).
15 Order a sect to disband (5).
18 Assume as fact there's one in the mail (5).
20 Old railwaymen in charge of European race (8).
23 Increment set Laura back about two hundred (7).
25 One for the road—a mineral ? (4-3).
26 It brought a flatterer within a hair's breadth of disaster (5, 2, 8).
27 Bottom in this form, the fellow has a crib (6).
28 Break ranks, sit around for a spell of language (8).

DOWN

1 A little cake mixture (6).
2 Ponders about putting up the set at one go (9).
3 "Tee up" holds the essence of this descriptive word (7).
4 "Sees Helen's beauty in a brow of ——" (M. N. Dream) (5).
6 Lace with gin, shake well, it's heavenly ! (7).
7 Bear the note beneath the acacia tree (5).
8 Engineer taking relative in the Underground (8).
9 Wild son erred as a backer (8).
14 Enjoyed by 22 taking the air ? (4, 4).
16 Dickensian in a revolving chair ? (9).
17 Elevated sort of boat commended (8).
19 Turned fifty, perhaps ? Wheel in the bed ! (7).
21 Men with titles hope to receive Royalty (7).
22 Matching ornaments for moneyed folk ? (3, 3).
24 Size of paper money once (5).
25 Miss Middleton taken in by a declaration (5).

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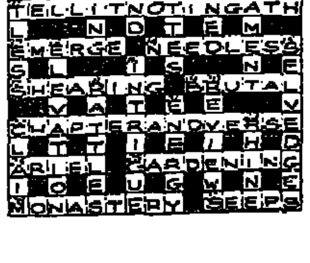

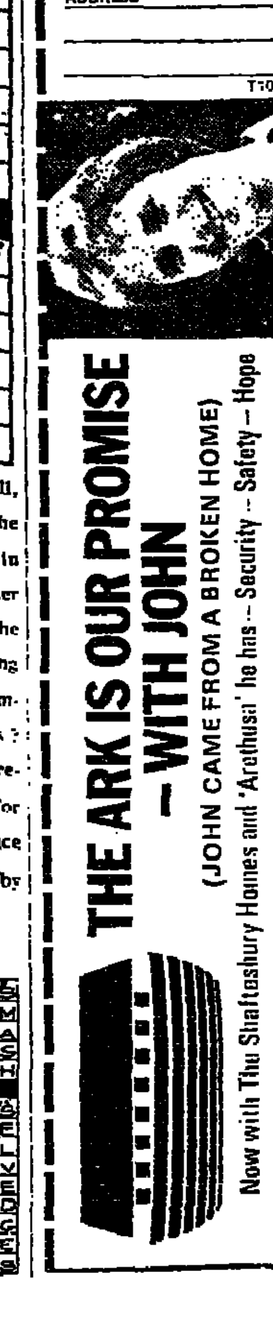
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PARASCHIS.—On December 6th, 1975 aged 87, at his home in 32 King Constantine Avenue, Athens (516) John Paraschis, father of Daphane and husband of the late Margaret (Peggy Ryan). Ralli Brothers India (1907-1933) Africa (1933-1957).

PATRICK.—On December 5, 1975, in a Lytham nursing home, Robert, aged 82 years, of 109 Kenilworth Road, Lytham St. Annes, formerly of Nairobi, the beloved husband of the late Kathrine Gardenia, dear father of Carol, Margaret and Angus. Service and cremation at Lytham St. Annes Park Crematorium, on Wednesday, December 10, at 1.30 p.m. All inquiries to M. Rawcliffe, Funeral Service, telephone Lytham 5269.

PEACOCK.—On 7th December, in hospital, Henry James Peacock, O.B.E., of 10 Charlton Road, Weston-super-Mare, dearly beloved husband of Florence and father of Joseph. Funeral service 2 p.m., Thursday, 11th December, at St. Paul's Church, Walliscote Road, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

POOL.—On 6th December, Hazel Violet (née Ambrose), beloved wife of Bernard, dearest mother of Janice and Christopher and a darling "Giggy" of Claire, Christopher, Katherine, Geraldine and Madeleine. Service at Elmers End Crematorium on Friday, 12th December, at 2.40 p.m. Family flowers only but donations, if desired to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, S.E.26.

RANDS.—On 8th December, 1975, at Shenstone Rest Home, Littlehampton, Victor Harry Rands, aged 78 years, much loved husband of Lena, late of Angmering Village. All enquiries, please, to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton. Tel 3939.

RAPER.—On 6th December, 1975, at Bridgnorth, Phyllis, widow of Sir Hugh Raper, sometime of India, aged 87 years. Funeral service at St. Leonards Church, Bridgnorth, on Thursday, December 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Followed by cremation at Emstrey, Shrewsbury. All inquiries to W. J. Northwood & Sons, Funeral Directors. Tel. Bridgnorth 2409.

ROBERTSON.—On December 6th, at 1, North Park Cottages, Brisco, Carlisle, suddenly, William Fenwick Robertson (late of St John's House, Windermere). Funeral service and cremation at Carlisle Crematorium at 11 am on Thursday, December 11th.

SALTS.—On December 6, 1975, after a short illness, Winifred Salts, very dear wife of Leslie, beloved mother of Nigel and Diana and adored grandmother of Sara, Jonathan, Edward, Fiona, Robert, Caroline and Camilla. Funeral service private, memorial service to be held at a later date. No flowers by request, please, the service and cremation at Landican Crematorium, on Wednesday, December 10th, at 10 a.m., "Mulbarton", The Meols Drive, Hoylake.

SIDWELL.—On December 5th 1975, peacefully, Harriet, dear mother of Dale. Funeral Wednesday, December 10th. Private service, St. Johns Crematorium, Woking, at 10.30 a.m. Flowers and inquiries to Cyril H. Lovegrove, 32 Guildford Road, Woking. Telephone 73456.

THEODOSIUS.—Peacefully on 7th December at Mettingham, Suffolk, after a long illness, the Reverend Arthur William Henry Theodosius, aged 81, dearly loved husband of the late Margaret Anne and father of Mary Warde, Hugh, Richard and Charles. Funeral service at Barsham Church, Suffolk, on Thursday, 11th December at 12.30 and requiem at Hascombe Church, Surrey, on Saturday, 13th December, at 12 noon.

TRENT.—On December 7th, 1975, peacefully at her home Mount Grove, St. Lawrence, Jersey, C.I., Margaret Joyce, widow of the second Lord Trent. Cremation private. Memorial service to be held at St. Matthews Church, Millbrook, Jersey on Friday, December 12th at 12.30 p.m. Cut flowers only please, may be sent to G. E. Croad Ltd., Funeral Directors, 89 Don Road, Jersey, by 10 a.m.

TYLOR.—On December 6, peacefully, at 15 Lawford Road, London, N.W.5, following a stroke, George Cunningham Tylor, aged 86, husband of the late Frances and father of Marian Griffith. Cremation private: no flowers please, but donations, if desired, to Help the Aged.

WALTERS.—On Dec 4th, 1975, Sheila Penelope (née Mathers) at the Royal Marsden Hospital, devoted and beloved wife of Robin and mother of James and Victoria. The funeral Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Hamble, on Thursday, 11th Dec., at 11.00 a.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to Royal Marsden Hospital, Radiotherapy Dept., Fulham Rd., London.

WARWICK.—On December 6th, in hospital, Francis Alister, of 24 Glenmore House, Richmond Hill, dear husband of Doris Lilian (Bee). Cremation at Putney Vale, on Friday, December 12, at 12.30. Enquiries and flowers if desired to Ashton Funerals, 221 Upper Richmond Rd., S.W.15. Telephone 788 1790.

WESTON.—On 7th December, 1975, peacefully, after a long illness, Audrey Kathleen, of 26 Basil St., Knightsbridge, S.W.3, much beloved sister of June. Service Golders Green Crematorium, Friday, Dec. 12th, 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Kenyons, 49 Marloes Road, W.8.

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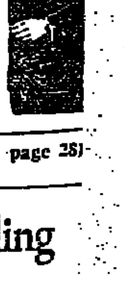

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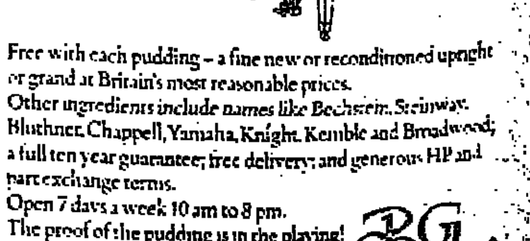

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